

Vega Escal 2007



Winery: Reserva de la Tierra

Region: Priorat D.O.Q.

Grapes: 50% Garnacha, 40% Carinena, 10% Syrah

Winery: D.O.: The region has produced superb quality wines for more than 8 centuries, starting when Carthusian monks founded a priory or Priorat in 1163. Phylloxera wiped out nearly all of the plantings of grapes at the end of the 19th Century and it wasn't until the 1950s that serious replanting began. The region rocketed to fame in the 1990's as a new generation of winemakers came to the area combining new technology and old vines for superior results. There are only 26 wineries listed with the Consejo Regulador.

Wine: All of the fruit for this wine is grown in and around Gratallops, where there tends to be warmer daytime temperatures

than in the more northerly subregions of Priorat. Vines range in age from 10 years for the Syrah to 50 years for the Carinena. Grapes were hand harvested in the middle of September. Varietals were fermented separately with a total of 22 days on skins prior to pressing. Aged 6 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels.

Reviews:

“Inky ruby. Smoky nose offers dark fruits and toasty oak, with a mineral overlay. Enters the mouth sweet and round, then turns firmer in the middle, offering chewy cherry and plum flavors and a late note of minerals. Tough to read today; the mineral-driven finish leaves a sweet blackberry note behind.”

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