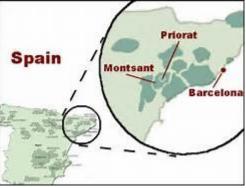
MAS MARTINET

The wines of Priorat are today Spain's most mineral, elegant reds. They are equals of the best that the French Mediterranean and Italy produces. It is a wild region, of steep, terraced vineyards that date to Roman times. Its typical terroir is composed mainly of ragged and broken slate (schist, or llicorella in the Catalan dialect), lending distinct character and finesse to the region's best wines. The winemaking of Sara Perez at Mas Martinet is at once simple and brilliant as described by Drew Matich from Pulling the Cork, August 2009: ". . . the bottom line is this: Sara's wines faithfully reflect the grapes of the vineyard in any given year. There are no winemaker games played to optimize or equalize the wine across different vintages. The grapes are blended, fermented, and aged as they



come out of the vineyard. And from our tastings, the results were amazing." - Peter Weygandt

I visited a couple of vineyards with Sara Pérez and understood why they want to keep the vineyards vinified and bottled separately as they are so different and they show the character of the place so well that it would be a shame to blend them together. After 20 years they are still fine tuning their rancio wine that I hope will be released soon. I saw the wine from the last vintage aging in glass demijohns on top of the roof and tasted a delightful sample of what will join the roots and essence of old-time Priorat with the 1989 pioneers, thanks to the determination of Sara Perez.—Lois Gutierrez **The Wine Advocate**



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MENUT 2015

Proprietress Sara Perez's entry level Priorat that's made from 40% Grenache, 30% Syrah, 20% Carignan and 10% Merlot, the 2013 Menut spent 14 months in 300-liter French oak (30% new) and was bottled unfiltered. It's loaded with fruit and has tons of jammy blackberry, raspberry, licorice and vanilla bean to go with a full-bodied, rounded, sexy style on the palate. At the price, it's a no brainer and will continue to dish out plenty of pleasure over the coming 4-5 years.—Jeb Dunnuck



CLOS MARTINET 2011

The 2011 Clos Martinet is around 65% Garnacha with Syrah and Cariñena, plus a little bit of Cabernet and Merlot. The Martinet vineyard is the first vineyard to be harvested form the Pérez family, and in 2011 it shows ripe aromas of black fruit,



earth and spice on a medium to full-bodied palate endowed with abundant, dusty tannins and very good balance. The wine is partly aged in cement vats, though the élevage starts in spring in oak foudres, barriques and clay amphorae before the wine is moved to glass demijohns then finally blended and kept in cement before bottling. 9,250 bottles produced. 94 points The Wine Advocate

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