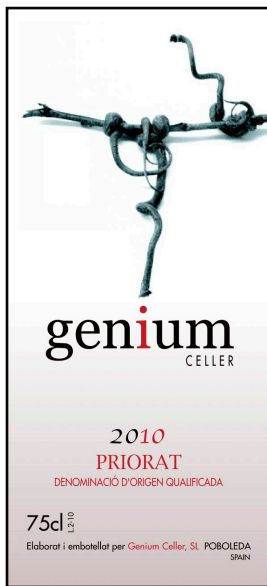


# Genium Celler 2010



**Winery:** Genium Celler

**Region:** Priorat D.O.Q.

**Grapes:** 60% Garnacha, 20% Cariñena, 15% Merlot, 5% Syrah

**Winery:** In the year 2002, six families from the municipality of Poboleda (Priorat) with a long tradition in vine growing decided to join their efforts in order to make high quality wines from their own crops. They own 15 hectares of vineyards between all of the families. 7 hectares are Costers (steeply sloping, high altitude vineyards), 3 hectares of organically farmed vines (Ecologic) and 5 hectares of terraced vines on narrow terraces with two rows of vines each. The varietal makeup of the vineyards includes Garnacha, Cariñena, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Pedro Ximenez and Merlot. Costers vines were planted in 1910 and produce ~300 grams of grapes per vine. Younger vines were planted in 1980 on the terraces and produce between 900gm and 1 kg per vine.

**Wine:** The grapes for this wine come from 8 different vineyards in the towns of La Morera, Torroja and Poboleda, with different exposures, soils and climates. The Garnacha and Cariñena grapes are from 90+ year old vines, while Merlot comes from 20 year old vines. The grapes undergo a 48 hour pre-fermentation cold soak followed by temperature controlled fermentation between 29° to 32° C in small stainless steel vats, and macerated for a 25-day period. Aged in 20% new and 80% 1 year old French Allier oak barrels for 10 months. Bottled unfiltered.

**Reviews:** “It stands firm with the strength of a Praetorian guard, presenting the structure of the finest Priorat. It is grand and expansive, packed with red fruit flavors together with spice and herbal notes. The schisty touch on the finish adds complexity and charm. Six years from the vintage, this wine is still in its youth, needing at least another five years to fully develop.”

**96 points Best Buy Wine & Spirits February 2017**

“Opaque ruby. Energetic dark berry aromas are complemented by zesty minerality, spice notes and a hint of mocha. Nicely concentrated and focused, offering penetrating blackberry and bitter cherry flavors, with bright spicy lift and cut. Fruity and open-knit; silky tannins add shape and gentle grip to a long, sappy finish.”

**91 points Vinous Mediterranean Spain January 2016**

“Minerally aromas of crushed stone, schist and red-berry fruits feed into a tight palate with an iron grip. Plum, raspberry, cherry and cassis flavors cover the full spectrum of red fruits, while a chalky, minerally finish confirms the wine’s intensity and structure.”

**91 points Wine Enthusiast Septemeber 2016**



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