Genium Costers 2010 (Red Wine)



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 goal of the winery is to produce wines with a typical character of Priorat. Having vineyards in three different zones of Priorat allows for different character, tone, complexity and personality in the wines. Aging in oak is crucial for the style of wine, as without it the wine would seem unfinished but only light to medium toast is utilized so that wood flavors don't dominate.

Appellation	Priorat D.O.Q.
Grapes	50% Cariñena, 30% Garnacha, 10% Merlot and 10% Syrah
Altitude / Soil	550 meters / Llicorella (slate) soils
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested from very low yielding, 100 year old vines
Production	48 hour cold soak, fermentation with skins for 30 days, basket pressed
Aging	14 months in new French Allier oak barrels from a range of coopers
UPC / SCC / Pack	8-437008-747040//12

Reviews:

"Bright ruby-red. Intensely perfumed with potent blackberry, cherry pit and potpourri. Juicy, penetrating and concentrated, offering sappy cherry and dark berry preserves and a touch of licorice pastille. Framed by smooth, slow-building tannins, the wine finishes with an emphatic, echoing floral note." **92 points** *Vinous Media;* January 2016

"Spicy notes of clove and cinnamon frame dusty berry, licorice and dried herb flavors in this supple, elegant red. Vanilla, orange peel and tobacco notes show a traditional character. Graceful and harmonious. Drink now through 2022." **91 points Wine Spectator;** October 2016

"Dark earthy raisiny aromas come with a fair amount of Priorat schist. This hillside blend of 50% Carignan, 30% Garnacha and the rest Merlot and Syrah is big, wide and muscular. Flavors of plum, prune, cassis and raisin are ripe but balanced and powerful. A lemony oak note appears on a staunch, chalky finish. Drink through 2022." **91 points** *The Wine Enthusiast;* September 2016

"...delivers a deep and complex bouquet of black cherries, black raspberries, braised beef, dark soil, a touch of licorice, cloves, wild fennel and cedary wood. On the palate the wine is deep, fullbodied and starting to show some secondary layers of complexity, with a good core, fine complexity and a long, moderately chewy and really quite well-balanced finish. This is the coolest of the four bottlings from Genium that I tasted, and though the wine has a touch of rusticity to its structure, there is plenty of depth and complexity here and this is really a fine bottle of Priorat."

90 points View from the Cellar; Issue #61 – Jan/Feb 2016

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