

# Genium Celler Costers 2010



**Winery:** Genium Celler

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

**Grapes:** 50% Cariñena, 30% Garnacha, 10% Merlot and 10% 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.

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.

**Wine:** This wine was made from grapes planted on slopes named in the region "Costers" (dramatically steep land, 45 degrees, where no machine can be used), where the vineyards are practically a hundred years old, a fact that provides a repeatable minerality, concentration and structure in comparison to other zones. The grapes undergo a 48 hour pre-fermentation cold soak followed by temperature controlled fermentation 29° to 32° celsius, in small stainless steel vats, and macerated for a 30-day period. Aged in new French Allier oak barrels of various toasts and coopers for 14 months. Bottled Unfiltered.

**Reviews:** "Bright ruby-red. Intensely perfumed with potent blackberry, cherry pit and pot-pourri. 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 Mediterranean Spain January 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** *Wine Enthusiast September 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. 200 cases made."

**91 points** *Wine Spectator October 2016*



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