

Pricum Primeur 2012



Winery: Bodegas Margon

Region: Tierra de Leon D.O.

Grapes: 100% Prieto Picudo

Winery: Bodegas Margón, owned by the Martínez and González families, is focused on the production of high quality wines made from the Prieto Picudo variety. All of their estate grown, old vineyards are located in the village of Pajares de Los Oteros within the new D.O. Tierra de León. Raul Perez is the manager and winemaker for this project.

The winery owns several ancient (100+ year old) vineyards and all vineyard work is conducted by hand. Harvested grapes are kept overnight in a cooling room at the top of the winery. This permits

the tanks to be filled by gravity with the grapes at the ideal temperature. Fermentation occurs in French oak vats instead of the modern/conventional stainless steel tanks. A great selection of french tonnelleries in the cave allows to additional structure of oak to balance the power of the Prieto Picudo grapes.

Wine: Produced from very low yielding (10 hectoliters/hectare) vines aged between 60 and 100 years old. All grapes were hand harvested and sorted prior to destemming. Fermentation proceeded with native yeasts in temperature controlled foudres. The wine underwent malolactic fermentation in barrel and saw a further 3 months of aging in oak prior to light filtration and bottling.

Reviews: “Inky ruby. Pungent, smoke-accented blackcurrant and cherry pit aromas show very good clarity and pick up a floral accent with aeration. Sappy and concentrated, offering bitter cherry and dark chocolate flavors that are enlivened by a jolt of juicy acidity. Clings nicely on the finish, which features slow-building, dusty tannins and a hint of sweet mocha. These vines reportedly range from 60 to over 100 years in age. 2018 – 2024”

90 points *Vinous* Atlantic Spain January 2016

“Varietal notes of cherries and red roses highlight this prieto picudo, with its delightfully wild edge of tannins. The wine’s acidity makes it feel juicy, a friendly red for pizza. This comes from ancient vines, some more than 100 years old.”

90 points *Wine & Spirits Magazine* Issue 3403, June 2015

“The bouquet is quite complex, as it wafts from the glass in a blend of dark berries, chicory, woodsmoke, balsam bough, a touch of tree bark [...] On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and impressively light on its feet, with a good core, moderate tannins and fine length and grip on the complex and youthful finish. I very much like this wine, which marries sweetness of fruit and a bit of bitter elements that I find fairly often in certain Italian wines, but which I seldom come across from Spain. Quite individual in style and very well-made juice. 2017-2030+.”

89+ points *View from the Cellar* Issue 55, January-February 2015



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