



# COSTERS DEL PRIORAT

## Petit Pissarres

**VINTAGE:** 2017

**GRAPE(S):** 60% Garnatxa (Grenache), 40% Samsó (Carignan or Mazuelo)

**COUNTRY:** Spain

**APPELLATION:** Catalunya, Priorat DO

**VINEYARD:** N/A

**ACIDITY:** pH 3.6

**ALCOHOL:** 14.5%

**STYLE:** Full, fresh and vibrant

**FOOD PAIRINGS:** Charcuterie and cheese, sausage, tomato-based dishes, pizza.

**THE DOMAINE:** Located in the heart of Les Solanes in El Molar, this winery is built on the site of a mine dating back to the 19th century. Priorat is made of old and dark stones, an irregular combination of hills and ravines buffeted by the intense sun and the northerly Cierzo wind. Winemaker Jose Mas has found the right balance between farming tradition and Mediterranean nature, spending his days between vines, slopes, slate rocks and bottles. A balance of fruit and minerality, the Samsó and Garnacha grapes grow in partnership with this rugged centre and the regions warm south. From their juice, the flagship wine Pissares encompasses the full personality of the region and is the benchmark of the Costers del Priorat personality.

**VITICULTURE AND VINIFICATION:** Vegan and sustainably farmed. Gobelet and trellis trained system from plant density of 3,000 to 3,500 vines per hectare. Grapes are harvested by hand and put in small boxes. The wine is fermented in stainless steel tanks of 5,000 liters. The different varieties in the coupage are vinified separately to get the maximum expressive potential of each grape. The wine is aged for 6 months in French oak barrels of 225 and 500 liters. Part of the barrels are new, some are two years old.

**VINTAGE DETAILS:** A very hot, early-ripening vintage similar to what was experienced in many parts of western Europe this year. Yields were lower due to a strike of frost in early spring, and much of the summer experienced drought conditions. Harvest came early resulting in healthy, very concentrated, small grapes with thick skins. The wines are explosively fruity and are drinking well young.

**TASTING NOTE:** Intense red with purple tones. It has a very fresh aroma, full of fruit and flowers. Citrus, peach and apricot too! Cheerful and lively.

**PERSONAL NOTES:**