



## **ABOUT THE WINERY**

The rugged Montsant mountains of Catalonia define the Priorat both visually and viticulturally. The imposing, sheer walls have shed entire layers of slate onto the soil over the millennia. The vines burrow through crumbled rock for water. Paired with hot, arid summers and Mediterranean breezes, these are the conditions where traditional Garnatxa and Carinyena find their highest potential. With active viticulture dating to the 12th Century, the Priorat is as Old World as it gets. As the premier destination winery in the region, Perinet honors that history and infuses it with New World leadership and innovation.

## **PERINET 2016**

PRIORAT DOQ

## **WINEMAKER NOTES**

The pure expression of a classic Priorat wine, respecting the blend of the traditional Priorat grapes and showcasing the terroir. The fruit ripens at different stages throughout the estate vineyards and is picked and sorted by hand. All lots are cold-soaked for 1-2 days before fermentation in stainless steel tanks. At Perinet, we use a technique called gas rumbling to break up the cap during fermentation. Macerations lasted more than 30 days to achieve optimum flavor and tannin extraction. The wine is racked into 40% new and 55% 1-year old French oak barrels. This blend includes 5% new American oak to add toasty and spicy aromas. This wine is unfined and unfiltered. The complexity of the Perinet 2016 is extreme, showcasing a full body and rich tannin structure. You can enjoy it today, but it will age nicely in your cellar.

-Toni Sànchez

## **VINEYARD NOTES**

Mas d'en Xes fruit ripeness comes in different stages, as long as the different plots reach different levels of fruit and ripe tannins. First sorting is done plot by plot. The grapes are being sorted by hand. All lots are cold-soaked for 1-2 days before beginning their fermentation in stainless steel tanks. A gas rumbling technique was performed twice a day with macerations that lasted more than 30 days for an optimum flavour and tannin extraction. The free run wine was racked and the skins and stems were gently pressed, being returned to their original maceration tanks, then racked into the barrel for ageing.

COLOR Deep ruby with a hint of purple

**ON THE NOSE** Ripe red fruit, a touch of a balsamic character, featuring baking

spices from the French oak barrels, along with coconut and vanilla

form the American oak barrels

**ON THE PALATE** Notes of black currant and raspberry, nicely integrated tannins

fill the palate, while showcasing Prioat's famous soil, licorella, for a

lasting finish

BLEND 31% Garnatxa, 26% Carinyena, 20% Syrah,

18% Cabernet Sauvignon 5% Merlot

**FERMENTATION** 100% stainless steel

AGING 15 months in 40% new and 55% in 1-year old French, with 5%

new American oak

VINEYARDS Estate vineyards Mas d'en Xes

CASE PRODUCTION 1,833 cases

ALCOHOL BY VOL 15%