



Alvaro Palacios

In Les Terrasses the produce of hundreds of small vineyards in six different municipalities is brought together: small estates committed to presenting a faithful reflection of the historic Priorat .

Les Terrasses 2021

Priorat, Spain

There was a time when the steep vineyards of the Priorat combined austerity and delicacy. Today, Les Terrasses revives and brings this ancient flavour right up to date.

Made from Samsó (**Carignan**) and **Grenache** grapes, all of them proceeding from **old vines**, this is a wine that recovers the traditional ways and gives birth to the quiet distinction of yesteryear, giving a privileged insight into the region's complexity.

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Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 60% Carignan, 30%

Grenache, 10% Cabernet

Sauvignon



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James Suckling (JS) : 93 Points (2021)

Enticingly fresh and nicely fruity nose with racy dark strawberries, cherries, slate, white pepper and spiced blueberries. Juicy, ripe and vibrant with fine, mealy tannins on the medium-bodied palate. Very harmonious and expressive. Delicious now, but will hold.



Wine Spectator (WS) : 93 Points (2021)

Defined by creamy tannins, this harmonious medium- to full-bodied red offers an expressive range of roasted plum, black raspberry and fig cake notes. Lively on the palate, with aromatic accents of mountain herbs, licorice, white pepper and vanilla lingering on the chewy finish.



Robert Parker (RP) : 94 Points (2019)

The regional 2019 Les Terrasses Velles Vinyes was produced with a blend of grapes from 80 plots in eight villages from Priorat, 82% Garnacha with 17% Cariñena and 1% white grapes, a year unusually high in Garnacha and unusually low in Cariñena that suffered a lot from the heat. The destemmed and lightly crushed grapes fermented in concrete and oak vats with indigenous yeasts, and the wine matured in French oak barrels for 12 months. What happened here is that Cariñena was burned by a heat spike of 43 degrees Celsius on the 28th of June, and there was a wildfire in Montsant that perhaps could have warmed things up even more. I think there might be a change toward more Garnacha and elegance in the wines from Álvaro Palacios in Priorat, as this is brighter and less rustic than this wine used to be, more polished, perfumed and fine. The year of heat and drought.

