



Torres

Torres Mas de la Rosa 2019 is an extraordinary red wine from the DOQ Priorat, crafted from ancient Garnacha and Cariñena vines, reflecting the elegance and power of this prestigious appellation.



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Penedès, Spain

Region and Vineyards

This wine comes from the **Porrera vineyard** in the heart of **DOQ Priorat**, one of Spain's most celebrated wine regions. The vineyard spans just **1.86 hectares (4.6 acres)** and is planted with **80-year-old Garnacha and Cariñena vines**, showcasing the region's dedication to low-yield, high-quality viticulture.

The vineyard is a **Coster**, a Catalan term for a steep slope. The soils are composed of **llicorella**, a type of dark, laminated slate rich in minerals but with low organic content. These shallow soils force the vines to root deeply in search of moisture and nutrients, resulting in concentrated grapes with exceptional character. Situated at an altitude of **500 meters**, the vineyard benefits from significant diurnal temperature variation, preserving the acidity and freshness of the fruit.

Winemaking

The **2019 vintage** experienced a moderate summer, which extended the growing season and allowed for gradual fruit maturation. While winter and early spring were drier than average, timely rainfall and cooler conditions in September ensured balanced ripening. A notable heatwave in late June did not disrupt the quality of the harvest due to the vineyard's resilience and meticulous care.

The wine is a blend of **Garnacha and Cariñena**, fermented in **stainless steel tanks** under controlled temperatures to preserve the fruit's integrity. A **10-day maceration** was employed to extract rich color and refined tannins. Following fermentation, the wine was aged for **18 months in 1,500-liter French oak foudres**, allowing a slow integration of flavors and texture while preserving the purity of the fruit.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 60% Cariñena, 40%
Grenache



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Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep ruby red with vibrant highlights, reflecting its intensity and concentration.
- **Aromas:** Complex and alluring, with notes of **ripe plum, baked cherry**, and **mulberry**, enhanced by hints of **cocoa, vanilla**, and a touch of licorice.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied yet elegant, with velvety tannins and layers of dark fruit. The wine's minerality and balanced acidity contribute to a long, lingering finish with refined richness.

Did you know?

The vineyard's name, **Mas de la Rosa**, reflects its romantic location and historical roots in **Porrera**. The vines, some of the oldest in Priorat, are accessible only via a narrow, winding, unpaved road, emphasizing the vineyard's exclusivity and the wine's handcrafted nature.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised beef short ribs with rosemary:** Enhances the wine's depth and earthy flavors.
- **Wild mushroom risotto:** Highlights the wine's minerality and savory undertones.
- **Roasted eggplant with smoked paprika and olive oil:** Complements its spicy and fruity profile.
- **Aged Pecorino cheese:** Balances the wine's structure and accentuates its creamy, rich finish.



Robert Parker (RP) : 97 Points (2019)

The current release of their top Priorat is the 2019 Mas de la Rosa, from the 1.9-hectare 80-year-old plot in Porrera that I finally visited with Miguel Tores junior. It's an impressive amphitheater of old vines planted with Cariñena and Garnacha on three different types of slate. 2019 was a super-dry vintage, and it was also warmer than average. The wine was produced with 60% Cariñena and 40% Garnacha that reached 14.1% alcohol while it kept a low pH (3.31), denoting freshness and close to six grams of acidity, reflecting a powerful year with good acidity. The two varieties fermented separately in small stainless steel tanks, and like the blend did for the first time in 2018, the élevage was in a 1,500-liter oak vat and lasted 18 months. 2019 was very dry but was very good for the long-cycle zones; the grapes were very healthy in Porrera, and the wine is elegant, delicate, with moderate extraction, with the vineyard blend. 2019 was very good in Porrera, and the wine is as fresh or even fresher than the 2018. It's lively and it has good acidity and fine tannins. Temperatures dropped prior to harvest, and the grapes took time to ripen; it finished being a cool vintage in the higher vineyards of the village. It shows the place and vintage, coming through as quite classical. 2019 shows very complete, with complexity and depth. 1,564 bottles, 75 magnums and 23 double magnums were filled in March 2022.

