Torres

Torres Salmos is a captivating red wine from the DOQ Priorat , honoring the region's ancient viticultural heritage and crafted from vineyards planted on iconic slate soils.

FAMILIA TORRES
Desde 1870

Salmos 2021

Priorat, Spain

Region and Vineyards

The **DOQ Priorat**, located in Catalonia, is one of Spain's most renowned wine regions, characterized by its steep terraced vineyards and unique **licorella soils**, which are rich in slate. These soils, formed during the Palaeozoic era, are shallow and drain well, forcing the vines to grow deep roots. This promotes exceptional grape concentration and minerality, hallmarks of wines from the region.

The vineyards used for Salmos are situated on rugged slopes, where the Mediterranean climate offers hot days and cool nights, creating optimal conditions for ripening. The **Torres family** began planting vines in Priorat in **1996**, paying homage to the region's viticultural history that dates back to the **Carthusian monks**, who first cultivated vines here in **1095**.

Winemaking

This vintage was marked by a relatively dry growing season with occasional rainfalls that sustained healthy vine growth. Temperatures were typical for the region, with slightly cooler lows, allowing the grapes to ripen slowly and evenly.

The wine is crafted from a blend of **Cariñena (Carignan)** and **Garnacha (Grenache)**, which are traditional grape varieties of the Priorat region. Fermentation took place in **stainless steel tanks** under controlled temperatures to preserve the fresh fruit character. Following fermentation, **malolactic fermentation** was conducted in **French oak barrels** over a period of **8–9 days**, contributing to the wine's creamy texture and depth.

Aging was carefully managed to enhance complexity while maintaining the balance of fruit and oak. The wine spent **16 months maturing**, with **70% aged in French oak barrels**, 20% of which were new, to add subtle vanilla and spice notes. The remaining **30% was aged in large French oak foudres**, with a capacity of 30 hectoliters, ensuring gentle oxygenation and integration of flavors. The wine was bottled in **February**, allowing additional time for refinement before release.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 40% Grenache, 40% Cariñena, 20% Syrah

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Dark cherry red with remarkable depth and vibrancy.
- **Aromas**: A complex bouquet of **cassis**, **blackberry jam**, and seductive floral notes, intertwined with Mediterranean woodland hints of **eucalyptus** and spices like **white pepper**.
- **Palate**: Delicate yet flavorful, with a fine-grained tannic structure and a long, elegant finish. Layers of dark fruit, spice, and earthy undertones culminate in a harmonious symphony of flavors.

Did you know?

The name **Salmos**, meaning "Psalms," is a tribute to the **Carthusian monks** who brought viticulture to Priorat in **1095**, laying the foundation for this iconic wine region. The Torres family continues this legacy, crafting wines that reflect the spiritual and historical significance of the land.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Braised lamb shank with rosemary**: Enhances the wine's earthy and herbal nuances.
- **Wild mushroom risotto**: Complements the wine's minerality and depth of flavor.
- **Grilled eggplant with smoked paprika**: Highlights the wine's spicy and smoky notes.
- **Aged Manchego cheese**: Balances the wine's fruit concentration and fine tannins.

91 Wine Spectator

Wine Spectator (WS) : 91 Points (2020)

An elegant red, with creamy-edged tannins providing supple definition for flavors of creamed cherry and baked plum, plus tobacco, paprika and vanilla accents. A subtle underpinning of fresh, loamy earth shows on the focused finish. Carignan, Grenache and Syrah. Drink now through 2030.

91 Robert Parker Wine Advocate

Robert Parker (RP) : 91 Points (2020)

The 2020 Salmos feels quite oaky, with medium concentration and fine tannins, some lightness and good ripeness. It was produced with a blend of 56% Cariñena and 44% Garnacha from the village of Porrera; 50% matured in 3,000-liter oak foudre and 50% in 300-liter barrels for 16 months. It was bottled in July 2023.

93 WineEnthusiast

Wine Enthusiast (WE) : 93 Points (2019)

Deep ruby-red in the glass, this wine has aromas of black cherry, butterscotch, and a hint of smoked bacon. A smoky notes transitions to the palate, joined by black-cherry, blackberry, violet, caramel, milk-chocolate, sage-leaf and lavender flavors. Opulent tannins ply the mouth and linger alongside a note of chocolate-covered-cherry. (MD)