



**Estriacus:** La Perla del Priorat, one of Priorat's oldest wineries, was founded by the Carthusian monks of Scala Dei in the 15th century. After more than 10 years of winemaking at La Perla, winemaker Montserrat Cereceda and winegrower Miquel Sabate started Estriacus winery in 2015. Making outstanding wines is their way of respecting and honoring the rich tradition and history of this land. Priorat is a DOQ (Denominacio de Origen Qualificada) which is the highest quality classification in Catalonia (Eastern Spain), and one of only two wine regions in Spain to qualify as DOC, the highest qualification in Spain.

**Tasting notes:** Intense cherry red color. Complex aromas of red fruits with layers of plums and figs, beautifully integrated with chocolate and vanilla. Full bodied, complex, with persistent mature tannins.

**Wine Makers:** Montserrat Cereceda

**Appellation:** DOQ Priorat

**Grapes:** 70% Grenache, 25% Carignan, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon

**Soil:** Licorella slate rocks      **Elevation:** 1,312 feet above sea level

**Vineyard practice:** Dry farming, organic agriculture and winemaking practices without certification

**Vine Age:** >25 yrs old    **Production:** 8,000 bottles

**Fermentation:** Grapes are fermented separately. Maceration between 15-20 days with pump over and delestage (rack and return).

**Aging:** 50% of the wine for 12 months in French oak barrels. The rest in stainless steel tanks.

**Alc:** 14.5 %      **UPC:** 8-5412000400-0

**D.O. Q Priorat:** A small and dynamic wine region in Catalonia, in NE Spain known for full-bodied red wines made mostly from Gernache and Cariñena, although international varietals can be used. It has a Continental climate with long, hot, and dry Summers. The region's slate soil, known as "llicorella" in Catalan is of paramount importance to winemakers as it imparts much of the minerality wines this area is prized for. The combination of the poor soil and dry weather creates abnormally low yields. Winemaking in this region dates to the 12<sup>th</sup> century when monks of the Carthusian Order established the Priorato dei Scala Dei monastery and planted vineyards there.



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