

Mas Sinen

Spain - Catalunya

Mas Sinen is located in the village of Poboleda, in the province of Tarragona. The winery dates back to the 19th century and has been in the family for a few generations. Today, Salvador Burgos and his wife Conxita Porta, together with their two daughters, continue the family winemaking tradition, using the most modern technologies to produce high quality wine from the Priorat Denomination of Origin.

The ancient Mountainous region of Priorat incorporates nine villages of wine production: Gratallops, Bellmunt del Priorat, Torroja del Priorat, Poboleda, Porrera, La Morera de Montsant, Escaladei, La Vilella Alta, La Vilella Baixa, El Llorar and El Molar. The name Priorat comes from the word 'Priory' and refers to the 12th century Carthusian Priory established in the region.

Prior to 1979, very few Priorat wineries were in production and the area was becoming depopulated. The interest and revolution in Priorat was inspired by five wineries:

1. Clos Mogador - Rene Barber - the modern day pioneer of the region
 2. Clos Martinet
 3. Clos de L'OBAC
 4. Clos Erasmus
 5. Clos Dofi - famous winemaker, Rock star and self prom Alvaro Palacios
- Today, many new small producers with less than 3,000 cases in production are emerging from this area.

Priorat is about vines per hectare, rather than total hectares, because the yields are so low. The old vines in the Priorat region are almost entirely Garnacha and Carignan, and the soil is a local schist type called llicorella (decomposing soil type).

Mas Sinen is a beautiful estate, made of stone and surrounded by the family vineyards. The vineyards measure 15 hectares, with vines 5-50 years old. Their terraced vines are in the slopes of the "Mas Sinen" mountain, situated 300-500 meters above sea level, and cultivated under organic methods.