

GRAN CLOS

Wine Region: PRIORAT, SPAIN

Date Established: 1995

Winemaker: JOSEP ANGEL MESTRE



Gran Clos, formerly known as Cellers Fuentes, epitomizes the wine-making revolution that has seized hold of Spain's Priorat region in the past 15 years and propelled it into the spotlight. Founded in 1995, this 75-acre property was purchased in 2002 by John Hunt, an international entrepreneur and owner of Oriol Wines. The winemaking is under the supervision of the talented young winemaker Josep Angel Mestre. Gran Clos graces the wine lists of many of Spain's most prestigious restaurants, not least among them included the world-class establishment of El Bulli.

40 miles southwest of the fashionably bustling city of Barcelona, the Priorat region has been hailed as a modern-day superstar of Spanish winemaking. This arid, remote and rugged province, which derives its name from ancient priories in which ascetic Spanish monks over centuries secluded themselves from the world outside, is best known today for its production of truly awe-inspiring reds. Grenache and Carignan are the bedrock of Priorat wines.

The rather austere landscape is noted for its dark slate soil known as "Ilicorella" meaning "licorice."

FINCA EL PUIG:

(FIN-ka EL POOCH)

This dark, intense red is a blend of 40% Grenache, 35% Carignan, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Merlot and 5% Syrah and Tempranillo.

90 Points

International Wine Cellar, September/October 2008

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A rich blend of old vine Grenache, Carignan, and Cabernet Sauvignon.

93 Points, 2000 vintage.

Wine Spectator

93 Points, 2000 & 2001 vintage.

The Wine Advocate

92 Points

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