

### 2010 Clos Mogador

Rene Barbier (Junior) kindly put together a blend of the five barrels that will go to constitute the 2010 Clos Mogador. It has a stricter, fresher bouquet than the 2009, with great minerality and sparkling precision. The palate is medium-bodied with very fine tannins and wonderful purity. It exhibits notes of dark cherries, crushed stone, slate and touches of thyme and white pepper towards the finish, which has immense precision and focus. This is going to be a razor-sharp Clos Mogador – do not wait to place your order!

Clos Mogador needs no introduction. Rene Barbier was a pupil of Jean-Claude Berrouet and is one of the “founding fathers” in Priorat as part of the “Gratallops group.” I met him for the first time at his home, located at the bottom of a never-ending winding dirt track and surrounded by vines. He was accompanied by his wife and energetic son, also named Rene and married to Sara Perez (see Mas Martinet.) Their 20-hectare dry farmed, vineyard is located on schistous slate and quartz soil (llicorella) and planted with 40% Garnacha (80-year-old vines) , 20% Carinena, 20% Cabernet Sauvignon and 20% Syrah. The wine is raised in Nevers and Allier oak with minimal intervention.

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- Neal Martin (April, 2012)

### 2011 Clos Mogador Clos Nelin Blanco

Putting your nose in the glass of the white 2011 Nelin makes you think the wine is not made from grapes, but from rocks, it's pure minerals, concentrated and complex. I'm sorry to disappoint you, but the wine is of course produced with a blend of Garnacha Blanca, Macabeo with some Viognier and other white grapes which aged for 15 months in a mixture of oak vats and terracotta amphorae. Balance, elegance, harmony are just three words that quickly come to my mind. I feel a level of precision and purity which I had not seen in Nelin before. This is a superb Priorat white that should age gracefully in bottle. One of the best whites in Priorat, and at a relatively good price. Very impressive! Drink 2014-2022.

Clos Mogador and the Barbier family should require no introduction to any Priorat aficionado, as they are the pioneers and catalysts of modern day Priorat. To understand low yields (and high prices) it should be enough to say that from their 40 hectares of vineyards they produce 45,000 bottles of wine per year. The wines are not cheap, but for the quality they offer they represent good value and are all highly recommended.

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- Luis Gutierrez (February, 2014)

### 2007 Clos Mogador

The flagship, the 2007 Clos Mogador is made up of 40% Garnacha, 20% Carinena, 20% Syrah, and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. It is purple/black-colored with a sensational bouquet of mineral, truffle, espresso, black cherry, blueberry, and licorice. Dense and Reubenesque on the palate, it has great concentration, loads of savory fruit, impeccable balance, and several years of aging potential. Accessible now, this lengthy offering will be at its best from 2013 to 2027. It is one of the stars of the vintage in Priorat.

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- Jay S Miller (April, 2010)