



Viticultors Mas d'en Gil

Bellmunt del Priorat (Tarragona)

Denominación de Origen: Tarragona

Mas d'en Gil is the historic name of a preeminent 312-acre estate in Priorat with a winemaking history of over 300 years. For most of the twentieth century it was known as Masía Barril, purchased in the 1930s by Rafael Barril, and was among the three principal progenitors of modern Priorat along with Scala Dei and de Müller. Under these auspices, Classical Wines had introduced the estate's wines to the US market in the 1980s. Thus we celebrate a 'homecoming' of sorts.

The Rovira family of Vilafranca del Penedés, with long experience in the Spanish wine trade, acquired Masía Barril in 1998 from Rafael Barril's widow Magdalena and proceeded to conserve and upgrade the vineyards and facilities, reapplying the original name. The estate is farmed organically and includes multiple crops and forest, with vineyards constituting just 30% of the surface area. 43 separately-produced vineyard plots are located in the varied exposures and soil



types of five valleys: La Coma, El Sas, Clot de l'Oliver, Lo Griñó and Esmoler. Soils include chalk, clay and gravel in addition to the famous 'llicorella' slate.

Mas d'en Gil is located in Bellmunt del Priorat at the southern extreme

of the D.O.Q. and is the Priorat estate closest to and most influenced by the sea. Evening breezes maintain freshness in the concentrated fruit and mark the estate style as particularly finesseful and expressive. Varieties grown are Garnacha Tinta, Garnacha Peluda, Cariñena, Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, Garnacha Blanca and Viognier. Vines on the estate have been planted at various times between 1931 and 1998.



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