



CLOS I TERRASSES

Clos Erasmus

In 1988 Daphne Glorian, at the time employed by an English Master of Wine in his Paris office, was in the throws of epic folly and spent her life's savings on 17 terraces of hillside vines just outside the village of Gratallops. Newly minted friends René Barbier and Alvaro Palacios encouraged her and together with Carles Pastrana and Jose Luis Perez, they pooled their talents and resources to make a new style of wine in a region rich in history and raw materials but without much of a proven track record for fine wines. In 1989 the modern Priorat was born: one wine but five different labels, each which would one day become known around the world: Clos Mogador, Clos Dofi, Clos Martinet, Clos de l'Obac and Clos Erasmus.

ORIGIN

Spain

APPELLATION

Priorat

SOIL

Schist

AGE OF VINES

10-27

ELEVATION

375-450

VARIETIES

Garnatxa, Syrah

FARMING

Certified organic (CCPAE) with biodynamic practices

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, fermentation in a combination of oak vats, concrete egg and clay amphorae

AGING

20 months in 228L French oak barrels (2/3 new) and clay amphorae

Today Daphne's property goes by the name Clos i Terrasses in recognition of the Clos upon which her fame was established and the terraces that she farms. The estate is planted with 75% Garnatxa, 20% Syrah and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon.

Clos Erasmus and Laurel are not vineyard designations, but they do begin to take shape in the vineyard. Due to the meticulous farming and observation that takes place throughout the year, by the time fruit starts to reach the cellar in autumn much of the blends have already been mapped out by Daphne. The nascent Erasmus is slated for twelve 228 litre French oak barrels and a few amphorae. In any given vintage about 7 of the barrels are new and 5 are second-fill. In some vintages there will a declassification of a barrel into Laurel. Clos Erasmus remains in barrel for 18-20 months before bottling.

ACCOLADES

99 – 2016 Clos Erasmus – Jeb Dunnuck

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97 – 2014 Clos Erasmus – Wine Advocate



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SELECTIONS