

El Vuit 2014

D.O.Ca. Priorat



Winery: La Vinya del Vuit

Winemakers: Sara Perez & Rene Barbier

V8 Team: Sara Perez, Ester Nin, Nuria Perez, Montse Mateo, Iban Foix Rene Barbier, Julian Basté and Philippe Thévenon

Varietals: *Cariñena* and *Garnatxa* of more than 80 years old

Agriculture: Vineyards worked organically and mule carved.

Soil: Degradated Llicorella.

Orientation: South

Elevation: 350m

Yeast: Native and wild

Winemaking and ageing: Aged 18 months in French and Austrian oak barrels previously used for 4 /6 wines

Some vintage words

2014 was an exuberant vintage because of the rain... We were leaving the generous 2013 and already entering new season with excess... From the viticulture point of view, it was a difficult year to control the fungal diseases but our grapes came in a perfect shape. It was the first year ever that the typical viscosity of the fermentation starter turned to "water"...We were expecting a stressful year; low alcohol, possibility of dealing with grapes not quite mature... instead we obtained high pH and high alcohol. Our expectations were changing as we continued working with the grapes with our own hands and feet. Eventually we realized that we had a vintage that was mature yet subtle, elegant yet pleasant.