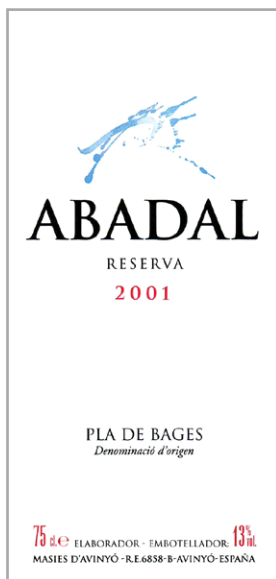


Abadal Reserva 2001



Winery: Bodegas Masies D'Avinyo

Region: Pla de Bages D.O.

Grapes: 60% Merlot, 30% Cabernet and 10% Syrah

Winery: Masies D'Avinyo is leading the charge of quality wine production from this, one of the oldest vine growing regions in the world, el Bages, named for Bacchus the Roman god of wine. The vines are cultivated on carefully structured terraces, influenced by a Continental- Mediterranean climate, with low rainfall. This leads to highly structured wines that maintain a freshness and delicacy rarely found in such rich wines. Vineyards are planted with native and French grapes, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Cabernet Franc, Chardonnay and Mando and Picapoll. A strong technical background is used in vineyard management, for example, specific total leaf area per mass of grapes to assure ripeness. This is combined with a detailed interaction with each vintage. In warm vintages, new oak is purchased with lower levels of toast, in cooler vintages barrels with

higher levels of toast are used. A combination of French, Hungarian and American oak is used in aging the wines.

Wine: Harvested by hand. The average aged of the vines are 20 years old from different vineyards in the best estates of Abadal. All different grapes are fermented separately with Syrah spending 10 days on skins and Merlot and Cabernet 12 days. No press wine is used for this blend. Varietals are aged separated in 70% French, 30% American oak barrels aged 1 and 2 years for 14 months. Unfiltered.

Reviews:

“It offers up an impressive bouquet of vanilla, spice box, pencil lead, and black currants... It is the most densely packed to this point, with layers of black fruit flavors, a supple texture, and surprising elegance. It has excellent balance and a long, fruity finish.”

90 points *Wine Advocate* issue 169 February '07

“Good luck getting more complexity and pleasure out of a wine in this price range. Highly complex... The balance between fruit, tannins and wood is just right, and the wine will prove wonderfully versatile with all sorts of moderately robust fare.”

91 points *Wine Review Online* August 21 '07

“For a few years running we've been singing the praises of Abadal, a label from Catalonia that has been producing hit upon hit. This blend... from the excellent 2001 vintage is in super form; the wine has a ripe, integrated nose of cocoa, dark fruit and chocolate, while the palate is bold and loaded with vivacious cherry and blackberry flavors. From the front to center to back, this wine has it all going in the right direction.”

92 points *Wine Enthusiast* April '08



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