



Alvaro Palacios

The Standard for New Spain

Alvaro Palacios acquired his first vineyard, Finca Doff, in 1990. In 1993, also in Priorat, he acquired a precipitous, northeast-facing Garnacha vineyard on well-drained schist that had been planted between 1900 and 1940, he came to call it Hermitage. One of the most interesting wines made today.

Born into the respected Palacios Remondo family in Rioja, Alvaro studied enology in Bordeaux, while working under Jean-Pierre Moueix at Ch. Pétrus. Alvaro could have returned to the security of his family's domaine, but was drawn to the remote and seductive Priorat, which had been one of Spain's important pre-Phylloxera wine regions. Alvaro believed that here he could make a wine that evoked both Pétrus and Grange due to the unique terroir and vine age of the region.

At the time Alvaro was one of the original producers to rekindle Priorat in the 90's. He is also a Biodynamic leader in Spain and has been instrumental in delineating the differences between the villages in the Priorat and helped to make Gratallops the first sub-DO.





