



# WINE WARS IN PRIORAT



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# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

## ABOUT THE GAME

Wine Wars is fun role-playing game for your dinner party or any other type of home entertainment. It is based on the well-known 'Mafia' game you have probably played ages ago. In Wine Wars card game you are to imagine yourselves as winemakers. This particular edition is tailored to a small, but mighty wine region of Priorat in north-east Spain. Apart from the winemaker(s), there are few more characters: Two gangsters who are trying to spoil your wines and eliminate you from being a winemaker. Distributor, who works and takes care of winemakers and their wines, so the final consumers get an attractive and flavoursome product. Finally, the Quality Control, who monitors the winemaking to make sure you are not only happy, but healthy as well!

## HOW THIS GAME IS PLAYED?

First of all, you need to appoint a host for the round. A host plays a role of narrator, so they do not take a role card, but instead get a separate host card with the instructions how to conduct a round of this game. All other players get a card in random to determine their role in the game. The player should not show their card to anyone and play the role correctly.

Each mini-round consists of two stages: Night and Day.

The game starts with the night phase, when everyone goes to close their eyes and open them only when the host tells them to.

The host then prompts different characters to perform their actions: villains to 'attack' the winemaker; distributor to try and save the winemaker; quality control to try and identify the villain. The host card contains the instructions and all the players must follow them.

The game then is followed by the day phase, when everyone 'wakes up' and the host announces the outcomes of the night. The day then continues with the discussion, some wine drinking (!) and of course accusation of who is believed to be a villain. The host then conducts a voting, after which one player is eliminated. They must show their card and then remain silent (enjoy their wine) for the remainder of the game.

Top Tip: Try to use some information on your cards to initiate conversations about wines, sample the one (if you are have a bottle), ask somebody to try the wine and then provide a description to prove they are winemaker.

## HOW TO WIN?

This is a collaborative role-playing game, which means that either villains or other peaceful citizens (winemakers and others) can win as a team. If villains managed to eliminate the peaceful then win, or if other citizens managed to find out who are the villains and eliminate them then they win the game.

## HOW TO SET UP THIS GAME?

It cannot be easier! Simply print out the role cards, cut them and you are good to go!

The number of playing cards should be equal to the number of players. The minimum optimal quantity is 5 or more, where 2 are villains, one is the distributor, one quality control officer, and one (or more) is a winemaker.

Spice it up with wine! As an option, you as a host can buy a bottle of wine, cover it and incorporate into the game. For example, after a first night phase, all players should sample their wine (during Day), and answer your question. It can be a year of vintage (2013, 2012 etc), grape variety (cabernet sauvignon), or country/region (if you are serving Priorat wine, try to ask something else, i.e. oaked/unoaked, alcoholic strength (15%, 14%). If a player guessed incorrectly they cannot perform their 'duties' the following night phase. You can add this twist twice, or even several times - all depends on whether you are tasting different wines and how big is the group as for longer games a few tasting tests would be even more fun!

You are sure to have loads of fun and possibly learning a few things about wine as well!



## Villain



YOU ARE AN ITALIAN CREEPY CREATURE, WHO WAS EXPELLED FROM SICILY AND NOW TRYING TO SETTLE IN SPAIN.

YOUR TASK IS TO ELIMINATE PEACEFUL PEOPLE FROM THIS TOWN OF GRATALLOPS AND BECOME RICH BY SELLING RUBBISH WINE. YOU ARE QUITE RUDE, BUT DEFINITELY PASSIONATE ABOUT FOOD. TRY TO INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT WHICH TYPE OF FOOD WILL BE GREAT TO HAVE WITH THESE SPANISH WINES.

## Villain



YOU ARE AN AMERICAN HEALTH FREAK WHO TURNED INTO AN AGGRESSIVE VILLAIN.

YOU GO TO THE GYM EVERYDAY AND HAVE A PROTEIN SHAKE FOR LUNCH. YOU ARE OBSESSED WITH 6-PACK ABS AND FITNESS ROUTINE. DURING DISCUSSION, TRY TO INITIATE DISCUSSION ABOUT LOW ALCOHOL WINES, LOW CALORIE WINES AND HOW TO DRINK LESS.

## Distributor



YOU ARE DISTRIBUTING WINES TO RETAILERS AND CARE FOR ONLY GOOD PRODUCE THAT WILL FIND ITS CONSUMER.

WITH HUNDREDS OF WINES ON OFFER, YOU NEED ONLY FLAVOURSOME AND EXPRESSIVE WINES. YOU CARE ABOUT WINEMAKERS, AS WITHOUT GOOD ONES YOU WON'T SUCCEED IN BUSINESS. NOT A MOTHER TERESA, JUST YET.

## Quality Control



YOU ARE A CONTROL FREAK: STRICT, BUT JUST. YOU CARE ABOUT ORGANIC PRODUCE AND SUSTAINABLE VITICULTURE. YOUR JOB IS TO ENSURE THAT ONLY QUALITY PRODUCTS ARE LEAVING THE WINERIES AND ENDING UP AT DISTRIBUTORS OR RETAILERS. YOU NEED TO BE ALERT ON WHO IS PRODUCING RUBBISH WINES.

## Mas Igneus

It's LOCATED TO THE NORTH OF GRATALLOPS. IT IS ONE OF THE YOUNGEST CELLARS IN THE EXTREMELY TOUGH WINE-GROWING REGION OF PRIORAT, PRODUCING PREMIUM QUALITY WINES. FAMOUS FOR ORGANIC BARANC DELS COMELLARS WINE, WHICH IS RICH AND COMPLEX IN FLAVOUR! It IS FRESH AND DEVELOPING IN THE GLASS.

## Pirares

THE HISTORIC PRIORAT WINE REGION IN NORTHEAST SPAIN IS FAMED FOR ITS MINERAL-RICH LICORELLA SLATE SOIL AND STEEPLY TERRACED VINEYARDS ON HILLS. IT IS PRIORAT'S OLDEST CO-OPERATIVE, USING GRENACHE AND CARINENA GRAPES FROM OLD VINES. THEY USE MINIMAL TREATMENTS TO RETAIN FLAVOUR, WHICH MAY RESULT IN A SMALL HARMLESS DEPOSIT IN THE BOTTLE.

## FERRER BOBET

WINEMAKERS CARE AND RESPECT OF THE ROCKY MOUNTAINOUS REGION, ITS TRADITIONS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. THEY ARE IN THE FOREFRONT OF WINEMAKING BUSINESS WITH INNOVATIONS AND CARE. ESPECIALLY PROUD OF WINES MADE FROM 100% CARIGNAN, WHICH GIVES THAT MINERALITY TO THE WINES. WINEMAKER IS USING ONE OF THE OLDEST VINES IN THE REGION TO MAKE ELEGANT, FRESH AND HARMONIOUS WINES.

## Scala Dei

IT IS SITUATED IN THE MOST NORTHERN AND MOUNTAINOUS AREAS OF PRIORAT. THE CARTUSIAN MONASTERY OF SCALA DEI REPRESENTS THE BIRTHPLACE OF WINES AND WINEMAKING IN THE DOQ PRIORAT REGION. THE CARTUSIAN MONKS BROUGHT FROM PROVENCE IN THE 12TH CENTURY THE KNOWLEDGE AND TECHNIQUES TO DEVELOP A WINEGROWING CULTURE THAT ESTABLISHED ITSELF FIRMLY AND HAS EVOLVED OVER THE CENTURIES. THE CARTUSIANS' LANDS MADE UP THE HISTORIC PRIORAT AREA WHICH TODAY FORMS THE DOQ PRIORAT WINE REGION LESS.

## Mas Doix

IT HAS A VERY PERSONAL AND TOUCHING STORY BEING FIRST A VERY OLD VINEYARD, THEN SURVIVING THE WORLD WARS AND THEN IN THE 1990S TURNING TO BECOME A WINERY. THEY INDEED STILL HAVE VINES DATED 1902 AND THE 100% CARIGNAN WINES ARE MADE EXACTLY FROM THEM. 2010 VINTAGE WAS CREATED BY THE WINEMAKER WHO THOUGHT 'LESS IS MORE' - THE WINES ARE NOT BUSTING WITH FRUIT FLAVOURS, BUT ARE VERY COMPLEX, SHOWING MINERAL, SLATE AND OAKY NOTES TOGETHER WITH SOME FLAVOURS BEING WORKED ON IN THE BOTTLE (WILL AGE REALLY WELL!)

## Clos Erasmus

IT IS A BOUTIQUE ESTATE OF 10 HECTARES BARELY PRODUCES 140 CASES EACH YEAR, SO THE FIRST LABEL, CLOS ERASMUS, IS INEVITABLY SCARCE AND EXPENSIVE. DESERVEDLY SO, RED WINES ARE RICH, POWERFUL, DENSE AND EXOTICALLY PERFUMED. CLOS ERASMUS IS ALSO ONE OF THE FEW SPANISH WINES EVER TO ACHIEVE 100 PARKER POINTS, PROOF THAT THE PRIORAT REGION IN THE RIGHT HANDS PRODUCES WINES TO RIVAL THE FINEST FROM RIOJA AND RIBERA DEL DUERO.

## Merum Priorati

IT IS A PROJECT FOUNDED IN 2004 BY TWO OLD CATALAN FAMILIES. THE ESTATE'S WINEMAKING IS CAREFULLY OVERSEEN BY AN AUSTRALIAN OENOLOGIST SO THE WINES ARE NOT OVER POLISHED (AND WITH A REAL SENSE OF PLACE), TO PRODUCE TRULY HANDMADE WINES, CRAFTED ON ONE OF THE WILDEST, MOST RUGGED TERRAINS IN THE WORLD. YIELDS ARE MINISCULE AND THE WINES ARE NORMALLY A BLEND OF MOSTLY GARNACHA AND CARIGNAN, WITH SMALLER AMOUNTS OF SYRAH AND CABERNET. THE SOIL IS PRIORAT'S FAMOUS LICORELLA, A BROKEN BLACK SLATE. EACH PARCEL IS MATURED SEPARATELY FOR 12 MONTHS IN NEW (70%) AND OLDER BARRIQUES.

## Noguera's Abellars

THIS IS A PRIORAT NEWCOMER. FAMILY OWNS A BIGGEST OPERATION IN THE NEIGHBOUR REGION OF MONTANT, WHICH IS THEIR HOME FOR 7 GENERATIONS, BUT IN 1999 THEY ADDED A 4-HECTARE PRIORAT VINEYARD TO THEIR HOLDINGS. THE WINES SHOW WELL-CONCEALED SILKY TANNIN, OUTSTANDING DEPTH AND RICHNESS, AND THE WINEMAKER MANAGES TO COMBINE ELEGANCE WITH ALL OF THE TYPICAL TO PRIORAT POWER. WINES CAN FURTHER EVOLVE FOR 4-6 YEARS AND SHOULD DRINK WELL THROUGH 2021!





# HOST CARD

## INTRODUCTION FOR ALL THE PLAYERS AT THE BEGINNING

Once upon a time, there were [X] winemakers in peaceful Spanish town of Gratallops. They enjoyed growing grapes, harvesting them, and then producing wonderful wines that enjoy a special name for it - the designated region of Priorat.

Sometimes, when it is peace and quiet, wealth and joy, powers of evil are to mess with the tranquility.

The town attracted a few gangsters, who are pretending they are winemakers, and at the same time trying to 'kill' others by harming their vineyards, trying to spoil the wine in the tanks and barrels and sell their own unattractive produce to the retailers.

Many winemakers in Gratallops sell their wines through a large distributor, who is then passing the wines to the retailers, who are then marketing and selling the wines to consumers. You can imagine that if the wines are bad and unattractive, nobody will buy them, but it is also harmful for the overall image of Priorat.

That's why winemakers, invited the distributor to help and cure the image of Priorat with the help of Quality Board who will be testing the produce to identify those villain gangsters and eliminate them.

We only have several nights and days to solve this mess, so let's get cracking!

## NIGHT PHASE

Villains are amongst us. These filthy wine lovers want to sell their rubbish wines instead of the fellow good and reputable Priorat winemakers. They wake up first and decide who is their target. Please agree on one target this night! Sleep tight after.

After the villains done their dirty job, it is time for a Distributor to care about one of their favourite winemakers. Please silently point at the one who needs to be taken care of. Sleep now.

And finally Quality Control Board is awake. Please inquire who you think is the villain. Inquiry processed. Night, night, sleep.

## DAY PHASE

All wake up now. The night was... (describe the actions and who is dead or cured).

Have a lovely sip of wine - do you like it? (if you are playing with a wine blind tasting option, introduce a covered wine, let the players to record their answers and then reveal the correct answer!)

(after some wine small talk) Let's now look around, villains are amongst us. Who are they?

Test your fellow winemakers - how well they describe wines, how much they know about Priorat, what are their own wine tastes and preferences?

You will see now who is the villain and how is the winemaker!

(After some heated and fun discussion, facilitate a voting). Please cast your votes for...

The player who received the most votes, is expelled from Priorat community and would need to silently sip his wine till the end of this game. He needs to reveal his card.

Have as many rounds of night/day as you need as this game ends with either villain's victory if they managed to eliminate all peaceful players; or on contrary winemakers with the help of distributor and quality board managed to expel all villains.

Have fun!