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2009 Sota Els Angels Desea Add to Print List

RATING: 90 points

PRODUCER: Sota Els Angels

FROM: Emporda, Catalonia, Spain

VARIETY: Proprietary Blend

DRINK: 2014 - 2018

ESTIMATED COST: \$25

SOURCE: WA, #211
Feb 2014

As this is a work in progress, the blend of the 2009 Desea is completely different, as it packs 40% Carmenere, 32% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Carinena and 6% Syrah, which combines the ripe Mediterranean character of the vintage with the peppery aromas of the Bordeaux grapes, displaying aromas of paprika, leather and rusty nails and a soft and silky palate well-balanced and with intense flavors, a big step up over the previous vintage. Drink now-2018.

Sota Els Angels is one of the most exciting new projects in Emporda, with a white and two reds produced by the daughter of the late Jesus Polanco (one of the press magnates of Spain) and her husband, with technical advice from Fredi Torres of Priorat fame since the 2013 harvest. The latest vintage released is a big improvement over the previous ones. A name to watch.

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-Luis Gutierrez

2011 Sota Els Angels Sota Els Angels Add to Print List

RATING: 91 points

PRODUCER: Sota Els Angels

FROM: Emporda, Catalonia, Spain

VARIETY: Proprietary Blend

DRINK: 2015 - 2019

ESTIMATED COST: \$34

SOURCE: WA, #211
Feb 2014

The 2011 Sota Els Angels is a blend of 56% Viognier and 44% Picapoll. The nose is quite marked by aromas of new French oak under which there are notes of flowers and plenty of herbs and balsamic tones. It's a full-bodied white, with medium to low acidity and some musky flavors, a note of aniseed and fennel that fights to come through from under the flavors of wood. But there is elegance, fruit and stuffing in there to overcome it. Patience. Drink 2015-

2019.

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2008 Sota Els Angels Sota Els Angels

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RATING: 92 points

PRODUCER: Sota Els Angels

FROM: Emporda, Catalonia, Spain

VARIETY: Proprietary Blend

DRINK: 2014 - 2019

ESTIMATED COST: \$46

SOURCE: WA, #211
Feb 2014

The 2008 Sota Els Angels is also completely different from its younger sibling, with a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Carinena complemented by about 20% Carmenere. It is dark and concentrated, a serious effort, a good Atlantic-Mediterranean combination with aromas of sweet spices, black pepper, paprika, chocolate, ripe plums and blackberries and a velvety texture, with fine-grained tannins, balanced and with good freshness. Again, this is a great improvement over the previous vintage. Drink now-2019.

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