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In the words of Dr. Jay Miller, *“If you want to experience Priorat without paying the price, this [Etim Selección] is the way to go.”* Personally, I would go as far as to say that even at the price of Priorat this is the way to go.

Today, many Spanish wine geeks agree that Montsant is the *Golden Ring of Priorat*. If you are looking for old vines, go to Montsant. High elevation vineyards and Old Vines are the two most important factors in making Montsant a golden spot over Priorat. In 1998, Priorat had a dozen wineries; ten years later, Priorat has 90 registered wineries making wines from plantings that are on-average five years of age.

The high elevation of Montsant vineyards brings cooler night temperatures allowing for Garnacha and Cariñena grapes to ripen in a slower, more balanced way. A slower ripening process allows grapes to retain more acidity, color and aromatics resulting in greater balance which turns into greater ageing potential.

Etim Selección 2006 is a new wine in our portfolio offering everything Spain offers: the complexity, the diversity and the value.

Etim Selección 2006 – RP 91 pts \$15.00 “The 2006 Etim Selección is a blend of 60% Garnacha, 30% Cariñena, and 10% Syrah aged for 6 months in seasoned French and American oak. Opaque purple-colored, it exhibits a brooding bouquet of minerals, black cherry, and blueberry. Layered on the palate with hints of dried herbs and an amalgam of blue and black fruits, the wine has excellent grip and depth followed by a lengthy finish. If you want to experience Priorat without paying the price, this is the way to go.” Jay Miller, Wine Advocate # 178, Aug 2008.