

# El Nord

Varietal: Red Blend  
Vintage: 2011  
Region/AVA: Priorat Spain  
ABV: %  
Bottle Size: 750 ml  
Bottles Per Case: 12  
Closure Type: Cork

## WINE STORY:

The Vineyard El Nord, meaning “The North” in Catalan, is a project between Master Sommelier Emmanuel Kemiji and longtime friends, well-known Italian sommelier Sandro Giulimondi and his brother, Roberto. Our 5 acre vineyard lies in the town of El Lloar, located in the heart of Priorat. The 2011 The wine is a blend of 50% Grenache and 50% Carignan from vines that are over 60 years old. It was aged in 100% new French oak barrels for 12 months before being bottled unfinned and unfiltered. In 2011 the even winter with sufficient rain and a mild summer created the ideal ripening conditions for a concentrated and yet balanced wine. Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate Reviewed by Luis Gutiérrez Issue Date: 28th Oct 2016 Emmanuel Kemiji is a Master Sommelier born in the US but raised in Madrid. He is also owner of Miura Vineyards in California. He started a small project in Priorat back in 2003 with some partners, including some friends from his time at the Ritz Carlton, some chefs, Sylvain Portay, Gerald Hirigoyen, Laurent Manrique and even some celebrities like Antonio Banderas. The project has kept a low profile and I previously had only heard the name but had never actually tasted the wines. They produce wines from Montsant and Priorat, as they own vineyards in both appellations, but none is subject to the official appellation of origin. The winery is located in the outskirts of Falset. Lisa Perroti-Brown met Kemiji in California and she was impressed by the wines from Priorat and got me in contact with him. I'm glad she did...

## SCORES AND ACCOLADES:

