

Peraj Ha'abib

Tasting note

Dark, full saturated red; red-black berry; vibrant, bright aromas of cherry, plums, currant; fine toasty and coffee flavours; rich seductive cherry fruit; black berries; complex, sophisticated, elegant; rich and full-bodied; ripe but soft tannins; smooth glycerin sweetness; fresh and mineral; very long finish; serious ageing potential

Pairing

Venison, veal, BBQ, roasted beef, stew, game, roasted lamb chops with ratatouille, grilled vegetable, cheeses, roasted oxtail

Grape varieties

50% Grenache
30% Cabernet Sauvignon
20% Samsó (carignan)



Winemaking

Made under the strict supervision of the „Orthodox Union“ supervised by Rabbi Nachum Rabinowitz and Rabbi Akiva Katz/ Karen Consulting, Lo Mevushal – Kosher Le Pesaj
Temperature controlled fermentation (24-28°C; indigenous yeast)
All varieties are vinified together
Maceration time: 29 days
Malo-lactic fermentation started in tank and finished in barrel
It is not cold stabilized, not fined, and only slightly filtered

Aging

12 months aged in new French oak barrels (220l); light and medium toasted
After blending, aged for 3 months in tank before bottling

Vineyards

Small plots of mainly old Grenache and Carignan vines (50-95 years old)
Cabernet Sauvignon: up to 35 years old
Low yield: green harvest
Terroir: clay, granite; very mineral; two plots of slate
Slopes and terraces
Altitude: 180-550m
Pruning: Garnacha, Carignan: traditional bush vines; Cabernet Sauvignon trailed

Vintage

Hand picked, hand selected.
Harvest Mid september 2009
Yield:
- 750 to 1000g per vine
- 20-25hl/ha (Garnacha); 35 hl/ha (the others)

Producción total

7.500 bottles (75cl.) + Magnums + big sizes

Analysis

15 % vol. Alcohol
5,4 g/l acidity (tartaric)
<2 g/l residual sugar

Awards and ratings

La Guía de vins de Catalunya 2019:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2016: 95p.

Blind Tasted 2018:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2016: 91p. Rather deep red colour with a purple hue. Youthful intense and ripe nose offering ripe plum, blackberry, cassis, tobacco and fine spices with a hint of new oak.

The palate is ample with a nice mouth feel, dense and chewy but with ripe tannin and a balanced acidity, layers of ripe dark fruit with a peppery spiciness, some smokiness and a long vibrant finish.

James Suckling tasting 2018:

- Peraj Ha'abib, Flor de Primavera Kosher 2016: 95p. Just beginning to mature, this has a very complex nose of spice, licorice and hot stones, as well as great black fruit. Concentration, warmth and drive in this rich red that has a very long, polished finish. Kosher wine. Drink or hold.

Guía Peñín 2019:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2016: 89p.

Selection Das Genussmagazin 2018:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2016: 4 stars = GOLD

Gilbert Gaillard 2018:

- Flor de Primavera Peraj Ha'abib - 2015: 90/10: GOLD

Guía ABC 2018:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2015: 94 p.

La Guía de vins de Catalunya 2018:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2015: 9,20p.

Guía Peñín 2018:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2015: 90p.

Selection Das Genussmagazin 2017:

- 2015 Peraj Ha'abib: 4 **** stars = Gold

Guía ABC 2017:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2014: 94 p.

La Guía de vins de Catalunya 2017:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2014: 9,22p.

Guía Peñín 2017:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2014: 90p.

La Guía de vins de Catalunya 2016:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2013: 9,03p.

Guía de vinos ABC 2016

- Peraj Ha'abib 2013, 93p

Guía Peñín de los vinos de España 2016

- Peraj Ha'abib 2013: 92p

SELECTION wine competition, Germany 2015

- Peraj Ha'abib 2012: 4****

Selection – Das Genusmagazin August 2015

- Peraj Ha'abib 2012: 4****Stars: Gold

Wein - Plus, 19 February 2015:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2013 : **90 WP** = Outstanding

La Guia de Vins de Catalunya 2015:

- Peraj Ha'abib "Flor de Primavera" (2012): **9,45p**. Llaminer i Potent

"Guía Vinos 2015 ABC":

- Peraj Ha'abib 2012: **94p**.

Guía Peñín de los Vinos de España 2015:

- Peraj Ha'abib 2012: **91p**.

"LA GUIA de vins de Catalunya", 2014:

- Peraj Ha'abib, Flor de Primavera 2011, **9.48p**: Elegant/ Llaminer

"Guía Peñín de los vinos de España", 2014, Spain:

- **Peraj Ha'abib 2011 93p** *Vino Excelente*, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Garnacha, 20% Cariñena. *Color cereza brillante. Aroma fruta madura, especias dulces, roble cremoso, terroso, tostado. Boca sabroso, frutoso, tostado, taninos maduros.*

"Restaurant Wine" newsletter, by Ronn Wiegand, USA 2013:

- **Peraj Ha'abib, Flor de Primavera 2011, ?????+ EXCELLENT quality:** Kosher. *Excellent: supple, complex, and full bodied, this is a powerful but stylish wine that is smoothly textured and intensely flavored. Very long and mildly tannic finish. It tastes of raspberry jam, blackberry; aniseed, toast, tobacco, pepper, and plum. 40% Garnacha, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Cariñena. Aged 14 months in French oak barrels, both new and one year old.*

"Peñin Guide, Top wines from Spain", Spain, 2013/2014:

- Flor de Primavera, Peraj Ha'abib kosher 2010 **91p** *Colour: cherry, granet rim. Nose: complex, expressive, balaced, ripe fruit, creamy oak. Palate: good structure, flavourfull, full.*

"Guía Palacio de los mejores vinos Iberoamericanos" Spain, June 2013

- Flor de Primavera, Peraj Ha'abib 2011, **93+p**

"VINOS EXTRAORDINARIOS, Los 100 mejores vinos españoles de todos los tiempos", Lluís Tolosa. 2013

Yossie's Wine Recommendations #235 - Crème de la Crème

... it is time for my annual rating of the best wines I tasted in 2012... Peraj Ha'abib 2010

"Guía Peñín" de los vinos de España 2013, Spain:

- "Flor de Primavera, Peraj Ha'abib, Kosher 2010" **91p.** Color cereza, borde granate. Aroma complejo, expresivo, equilibrado, fruta madura, roble cremoso. Boca estructurado, sabroso, lleno.

"Guía de vinos ABC" 2013, Spain:

- "Peraj Ha'abib 2010" **93p** Tiempo de pureza. Elegancia. Finura de aromas. Fruta en boca, naturaleza, equilibrio que reina. Tiempo de un vino kosher. Elaborado bajo la estricta supervisión de un rabino. Un vino grande, un gran vino. Crianza en bodega: doce meses. Variedades: garnacha, cabernet sauvignon, samsó.

Daniel Rogov Strat's Place/Tel Aviv/Israel:

- "Flor de Primavera'09": **93 p**
- "Flor de Primavera'08": 91 p, "Flor de Primavera'07": **91 p**
- "Flor de Primavera'05": 92 p, "Flor de Primavera'03": **92 p**
- "Flor de Primavera'04": 92 p, "Flor de Primavera'02": **92 p**
- "Flor de Primavera'01": 92, "Flor de Primavera'00": **93+p**
- "Flor de Primavera'98": 92 p, "Flor de Primavera'97": **93 p**

"The Wine Advocate"/USA, Robert Parker, Issue 194; may 2011:

- "Peraj Ha'abib/Flor de Primavera'09: **95 p** "...powerful, impeccably balanced, and lengthy..."

"Markus del Monego & Andreas Larsson", Tasted Journal, 100% Blind Spain, Oct 2012: *Peraj*

Ha'abib, Flor de Primavera 2010; 89p : AL- Young, ruby red with a blue rim; clean nose of freshly crushed berries, pepper and clove; the palate is young, rather dense with attractive, pure berry fruit... MDM- Dark, purple red with violet hue and black centre. Very concentrated but closed nose, good structure and balance. On the palate well balanced with medium weight and good length.

"Juan Fernández- Cuesta", Diario ABC, Mayo, 2012, Spain : *Vino kosher, pura belleza. Este vino es una maravilla. Es Peraj Ha'abib. Flor de Primavera. Así se llama. Un vino kosher que ha dejado de ser kosher (no soy judío) en el instante que he abierto la botella. Ha perdido su pureza, aunque se mantenga entera. Pura belleza.*

"Yossie's Corkboard", May 2012: *This week's newsletter discusses one of my all-time favorite wineries – Capcanes of Spain. Despite much love for this delightful winery, having enjoyed its kosher vintages starting with 1998; I have never dedicated a newsletter to the winery and its history. While many acclaimed non-kosher vineyards around the world make kosher cuvees of certain wines in limited runs, Capcanes is unique in that it was its kosher cuvee that initially put it on the map. Located in the village of Capcanes in Spain's Montsant region a close neighbor of Spain's famed Priorat, the Capcanes winery was founded as a cooperative by five local wine-growing families in 1933.*

"Koshervino, Jon Tabak", 2011 USA Peraj Ha'abib 2009:94 punts.

(.. L'anyada més elegant elaborada fins a dia d'avui. La garnatxa d'aquest cupatge realment llueix, i a més a més, ens recorda el vi varietal de garnatxa de Capçanes, el Flor de Flor de Primavera 2007. A la copa presenta un esplèndid color robí pujat amb una consistència lleugera i fluïda. En nas, un vibrant festival de fruites –cirera negra, mora, nabiu assecat- seguit pels torrats del roure, amb un toc de vainilla i xocolata negra. En boca deixa una entrada de dolçor de cirera, evolucionant cap a roure, espècies i un punt de xocolata. De cos mitjà, amb acidesa alta però equilibrada, aquest vi ens enganxa amb uns joves tanins suaus i sedosos. El final és d'una allargada impressionant, amb tanins que destaquen i una certa astringència (al contrari de la dolçor residual d'anyades prèvies). Un cupatge molt elegant que s'aparta del corpulent Peraj Ha'abib que fins ara hem conegut, però és un canvi benvingut, si més no. Tot i que aquest vi es pot beure ara, recomano esperar encara uns sis mesos. Salut!

Financial Times, Jancis Robinson/England:

- Flor de Primavera '06 "Favourite kosher wines": **16,5/20 p** "...lots of fruit and structure on the palate and a great deal of future. Real mineral framework."

Wine Spectator/USA:

- "Flor de Primavera '03": **90 p** "...offers a plus textura over a solid foundation, with black plum, coffee, licirice and mineral flavors supported by muscular tannins that give way to apices and licorices notes on the long finís..."

Wine-guide "Guía Jose Penin 2006/2008", Spain:

- "Flor de Primavera kosher '05": **91 p**
- "Flor de Primavera kosher '03": **90 p**

Wine-guide "Guía Marc Suieres", USA:

- “Flor de Primavera/Peraj Ha’abib kosher’05”:**90 p**

Wine Orbit 2007” New Zealand:

- “Flor de Primavera kosher’03”:**94 p**, and **5 stars** Top score:

“Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung”, Germany:

- “Flor de Primavera/Peraj Ha’abib kosher”: *“...most probably the best kosher red wine in the world...”*

Wine-guide “Guía Jose Penín 2005”, Spain:

- “Flor de Primavera kosher’01”:**91p**
- “Flor de Primavera kosher’00: **94 p**,
- “Flor de Primavera kosher 1996”: **95p**
- *“One of the Top 8 Spanish wines - The second highest possible score!”*

Wine Magazine “Perswijn, Jan. 2005”, Holland:

- “Flor de Primavera’00”: **++++(+)**
- “Flor de Primavera’02”: **++++**

Wine-guide “La Guía de Oro 2005”, Spain:

- “Flor de Primavera’01: **Gold**

“Vinum magazine”, www.vinum.info - Sep/Oct 2005”, Spain:

- *“No doubt, Capçanes Kosher is the most complex of all Spanish Kosher wines. Good bouquet. Long persistence.”*

“The Wine Advocate”/USA, Robert Parker, Issue 145; 28th/feb 2003:

- “Flor de Primavera kosher’00: **90 p** *“Robert Parker: One of the finest kosher wines I have ever tasted....”*

Wine-guide “Mondo-Weine der Welt”, march’04, Germany:

- “Flor de Primavera’03”: **91 p**
- “Flor de Primavera’01”: **91 p**
- “Flor de Primavera’00”: **92-93 p**

Wine-guide “Fahrenkamp-Die Weine Spaniens 2005”, Germany:

- “Flor de Primavera’02”: **92 p**
- “Flor de Primavera’01”: **94 p**

Gamliel Kronemer, The N.Y. Jewish Week, USA:

- Peraj ha'abib'04: **ScoreA: THE TOP SPANISH RED!**
- Peraj Petita06: **Score B+**

Jüdische Allgemeine, nr.50/07, Deutschland:

- *"...2004 Peraj Ha'abib... kommt mit ungeheurer Kraft daher, die Tannine wie Bodyguards. Ein Wein scheinbar für die Ewigkeit...mündet alles in ein konzentriertes Finale, das uns noch lange beschäftigt...zweifelstfrei wider ein grosser Wein...enorm dichte Struktur..."*

Jüdische Allgemeine, nr.50/06, Deutschland:

- *"...2003 Peraj Ha'abib glänzt mit allen Attributen eines grossen Weins... ein sehr komplexer Wein, der lange verweilt. Ohne Zweifel Klasse und bestes Reifepotential. Seinen Preis ist er wert..."*

"Sobremesa Wine&Food magazine", www.sobremesa.es - Jan. '06", Spain:

- *"Capçanes winery has become flag of modernity and prestige. They elaborate, since 1995, an appreciated Kosher wine, Flor de Primavera, placed amongst the best ones of the world in all tastings organized by the Jewish community."*

Jennifer Rosen, Jewish Wine Saves Catholic Winery
Rocky Mountain News, Saturday May 7th, 2005 USA:

- *"I'm certainly grateful to the Jewish community in Barcelona. ... The result, Peraj Ha' abib Flor de Primavera, has been called the finest kosher wine in the world."*

Gamliel Kronemer, The N.Y. Jewish Week, USA:

- *"This dark garnet colored Spanish Blend is perhaps the best kosher wine on the market. With a full body; a supple, complex structure; and a rich bouquet of blackberries, cedar, oak, tar, and black currents; you know have something truly special from the first sip."*
www.kosherwine.com

Apellation NYC, USA:

- *"A well balanced blend showing great fruit, hints of minerality and a nice ruby color. This stellar red quenched the Spanish Orthodox Jews' thirst for many years"*

"ATB – After the bell", www.revistaatb.com - March 2004, Spain:

- *"Flor de Primavera: The result of such a careful process is a splendidous Kosher wine, with a rich and intense nose, expressive and round in the mouth. Time will play in its favour giving him a great elegance and refinemet"*

Daniel Rogov/Tel Aviv/Israel: april 2001:

- *"International tasting of kosher wines organized by Daniel Rogov, Wine and Restaurant Critic of the Israely Daily Newspaper "HaAretz" and "Le Monde")"*

- “Flor de Primavera 1998”: 3rd best kosher wine in the world, **92 points**.
- For more informations: www.stratsplace.com/rogov/home.html

“EUROKOSHER 2001”, Paris:

- Le Club Gastronomika K D’Or 2001: Flor de Primavera 1998
- The Gold K Awards 2001: BEST Foreign Kosher Wine!