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This month, three of Canada's most respected wine journalists have reviewed the 2011 Descendientes de J. Palacios - Petalos – and – all three have given outstanding reviews

PETALOS 2011

DESCENDIENTES DE J. PALACIOS - DO BIERZO



By David Lawrason -November 4, 2013

92 Points

Great buy! This is super generous yet elegant red from the mencia grape. The nose blasts off with blackcurrant, blueberry, pine, green notes, clove and chocolate. This is medium-full bodied, creamy yet vibrant with dark chocolate, clove, leather and anise. It has some elements like a syrah from the Rhone. It has excellent to outstanding length and definition. Some tannic bitterness and the oak is heavy note, but this is a fine effort. Best 2016 to 2020+. Tasted October 2013



By John Szabo, MS — November 1, 2013

91 Points

2011 is a really fine, fleshy, fruity and fresh vintage for this perennial great value wine from north western Spain, displaying all of the depth and richness of old vines mencia, with complexity and length well above the price category. Wood is a minor feature and tannins are soft and velvety, yet still grippy enough to provide great structure. Very good to excellent length. This is fine stuff yet again; consistently excellent. Tasted October 2013. Value Rating: ***



By Julian Hitner - November 7, 2013

90 Points

Crafted from 100% Mencia, the 2011 Pétalos possesses beautiful boldness, balance, and potency. Opaque black-ruby in colour, it displays impressive aromas of dark plums and wild flowers; switching to blackberry liqueur, delicate sushi wrapper, and a hint of blueberries and spice. Complex, retaining delicious, powerful fruit, firm tannins, balanced acidity, and a weighty hint of blackberry liqueur and gentle wild flowers on the finish. Quite substantial at 14.5% alcohol, this will keep for eight years or more. Now-2021+. (Tasted October 2013)

