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Southwest of Barcelona, in the heart of the Tarragona region is the small D.O. of Montsant. Located on the mountains that surround Priorat, this young D.O. is the home of the Joan d'Anguera family estate. The Joan d'Anguera winery has origins that are common to this area: the Anguera family has been growing grapes here for over 200 years but in the 1970s they decided to try their hand at making the wine rather than selling the grapes. Here is where this winery's story differs from others in the area. Josep d'Anguera used his extensive knowledge of the international wine scene to introduce something different into his wine: he decided on planting Syrah. Starting in 1977 he planted the grape anywhere he could find space and started his new winery. One of his first projects after planting these new vineyards was the Planella. This wine is made from a blend of the family's old Mazuelo, Grenache, and Cabernet Sauvignon plantings as well as some of their newer Syrah. After a temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks the wine is aged for 11 months in oak barrels. The Planella has a ripe, dense cherry liqueur-like nose scented with some spices. On the palate, it is rich and plush with a fruity and spicy finish.

Wine: Joan d'Anguera Planella 2009  
Grapes: 40% Mazuelo, 20 % Syrah, 20%  
Grenache, and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon  
Vine age: 15-50 years  
Soil: Chalky clay  
Farming: Non-certified biodynamic  
Vinification: Fermented in stainless steel  
and aged in oak for 11 months.

