



ERIC SOLOMON SELECTIONS

PLACE OVER PROCESS

Conreria d'Scala Dei Les Brugueres

The very talented Jordi Vidal is the driving force behind one of the most unique properties in the Priorat region. A little over 100 years ago, white Grenache vines were planted on steep terraces in the hillside village of Scala Dei. Now, a century later, these vines are still there, producing one of the most delicious, single-varietal white wines in Spain, with great poise and character. Historically, the dry white wines of the Priorat have been heavily oxidized with often high alcohol levels and a monolithic structure. Here Jordi relies on extremely low yields and optimal harvesting times to keep good acidity in the wines before allowing them to ferment with natural yeasts in stainless steel tanks. The key to the white is allowing the white Grenache to rest on its fine lees during the cold winter, a technique that helps to impart a lovely creaminess to the wine.



AT A GLANCE:

Appellation of Origin:	D.O. Priorat
Varieties:	100% Garnacha Blanca
Vineyards:	From the single vineyard "Les Brugueres"
Age of Vineyards:	100+ year old vines
Soils:	Schiste
Aging:	In tank on the lees and bottled the spring after harvest

ACCOLADES – 2006 Vintage



90 Points

"A rare white wine from Priorat...light gold-colored, it emits pleasant aromas of mineral and melon. This is followed by a full-bodied wine with good ripeness, balancing acidity, and medium length. It is an intellectually pleasing wine that lacks that extra dimension of excitement."



Stephen Tanzer's
International
Wine Cellar

90 Points

"Intensely perfumed nose offers a vibrant array of fresh and dried pit fruits, apple and floral honey. There's a strong mineral tone to the racy orchard fruit and peach pit flavors. Gains a fleshy quality on the back, finishing with pliant orange and cling peach flavors."

ACCOLADES – Previous Vintages

- 2005: 89 points, "intriguing stuff" – *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*
- 2004: 92 points, "a dead-ringer for a top-flight white Chateauneuf du Pape" -*The Wine Advocate*
- 2004: 92 points, "shows terrific fruit for a white Priorat wine" - *Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar*
- 2003: 92 points, "although unusual, to my tastes, it is brilliant" -*The Wine Advocate*