



CELLER CAL PLA

Mas d'En Compte Blanc

Joan Sangenís is descended from eight generations of unruly locals who farmed various crops in Porrera. His family first started making wine in 1814 and until 1996 they sold their wines in bulk to the residents of the village. Joan's parents Jaume and Mercé, who both still tend to the family's vines, purchased Mas d'En Compte in 1988 greatly expanding the scope of the family business. Along with this purchase came an ancient, ruined house in the village which they renovated with the intention of estate bottling their wines. With much of the newly purchased vineyards being in disrepair, they also undertook resuscitating the old vines and planting new ones and when their son, Joan, finished his studies in enology in 1996, Celler Cal Pla was born.

ORIGIN

Spain

APPELLATION

Priorat

SOIL

Llicorella

AGE OF VINES

30

ELEVATION

350-500 meters

VARIETIES

Garnatxa Blanca, Picapoll Blanca, Xarel.lo

FARMING

Practicing organic

FERMENTATION

Hand harvested, 1 day maceration on the skins, natural yeast fermentation in tank

AGING

8 months in new and second fill French and Hungarian oak barrels (225L, 300L & 500L), 10% aged in tank

The Sangenís family farms 20 hectares of vines located around Porrera. Their oldest vines of Garnatxa Negra and Carinyena are located in the famed Mas d'En Caçador vineyard – arguably the Grand Cru of the village. The remaining vines vary in age from 15 to 80 years old. Farming is done organically, which may sound easy in such a warm and dry climate until you see the incline of some of their sites – here any kind of farming is arduous. In addition to Garnatxa Negra and Carinyena the estate grows Cabernet Sauvignon, Garnatxa Blanca, Xarel.lo, Picapoll Blanca, Macabeau and Moscatell.

While most people think the Priorat is synonymous with red wine, there is an increasing awareness being paid to the whites produced in the region. While red Priorat is now generally all about Garnatxa and Carinyena, there is a wider variety of white grapes permitted in the DOQ. Joan Sangenís has a smattering of white varieties in his two, best sites – Mas d'en Caçador and Mas d'en Compte. Mas d'en Compte Blanc is a blend of Garnatxa Blanca, Picapoll, and Xarel.lo grown on steep, northeast-facing slopes of schist. Despite an average age of 30 years old, these are low-yielding vines producing concentrated fruit with a distinctive minerality.

ACCOLADES

91 – 2015 Mas d'en Compte Blanc – Wine Advocate



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SELECTIONS