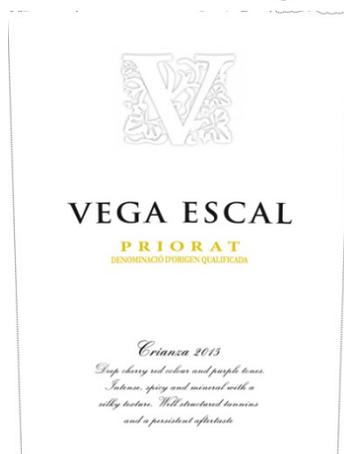


Vega Escal Crianza 2015 (Red Wine)



All of the fruit for this wine is grown in and around Gratallops, where there tend to be warmer daytime temperatures than more northerly subregions of Priorat. Vines range in age from 10 years for the Syrah to 50 years for the Cariñena. Grapes were hand harvested in the middle of September. Varieties were fermented separately with a total of 22 days on skins prior to pressing. Aged 6 months in a combination of French and American oak barrels.

Appellation	Priorat D.O.Q.
Grapes	39% Garnacha, 25% Carinena, 21% Cabernet Sauvignon, 11% Syrah, 4% Merot
Altitude / Soil	260 meters / combination of granite and Llicorella (slate)
Farming Methods	Sustainable methods, dry farmed
Harvest	Hand harvested in mid-September into small boxes
Production	Bunches are hand sorted, 3 day cold maceration with skins, 30 day fermentation with daily pump-over
Aging	Aged for 18 months in French oak barrels, further aging in bottle prior to release
UPC / SCC / Pack	8-79591-000245 / 879591 00074 2 / 12

Reviews:

“The bouquet here is deep and complex, offering up scents of raspberries, cassis, grilled meats, garrigue, lovely spice tones, a bit of olive, stony soil and cedary oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and nascently complex, with fine depth at the core, ripe, well-integrated tannins and a long, well-balanced and promising finish. I really like how the syrah component here adds to the complexity of the wine, as it shows more influence on both the nose and palate than its eleven percent might suggest. ... This bottling sells for \$27 in the US, making it perhaps the single finest value from Priorat that I have tasted in the last twenty years! Impressive juice. 2023-2055.”

92 points *View from the Cellar*; Issue #78 - November/December 2018

“This red shows density without heaviness, delivering ripe plum, currant, licorice, spice and loamy earth flavors in a round texture, supported by well-integrated tannins and fresh acidity. Shows a good balance of fruity and savory notes. Lively and harmonious. Garnacha, Cariñena, Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and Merlot. Drink now through 2025.” **91 points** *Wine Spectator*; June 15, 2019

“Brilliant violet color. A spice-accented bouquet evokes fresh cherry, blackberry and licorice, along with floral and mineral overtones. Supple and expansive on the palate, offering juicy red/blue fruit and floral pastille flavors that are sharpened by a peppery flourish. The long, gently sweet finish is shaped by fine-grained tannins leaving zesty spice and mineral notes behind. (raised for 18 months in new and used French oak barrels) Drink 2021-2030.”

90 points *Vinous Media*; “Mediterranean Spain: Diversity and Consistency” - April 25, 2019

