

Solarce Blanco 2020 (White Wine)



Solarce are the entry level wines from the Casa la Rad estate in Rioja D.O.Ca. The large, family-owned estate is located in the northern foothills of the Valle de Ocón, and encompasses 2,000 acres; mostly native oak forest, with 272 acres of vineyards, and 37 acres of olive groves. The remainder of the estate is dedicated to growing almonds and cereal crops. They seek a balance between their activity and the local environment so as to sustain or improve its vitality and biodiversity.

Appellation	Rioja D.O.Ca.
Grapes	50% Chardonnay, 30% Malvasia, 10% Viura, 10% Tempranillo Blanco
Altitude / Soil	520-600 meters / chalky clay soils
Farming Methods	Organic methods (not certified)
Harvest	Hand harvested into small boxes
Production	Chardonnay was fermented in 600L oak vats, other varieties were fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks
Aging	Chardonnay was aged for 6 months in 225L new French barrel, the other varieties rested in stainless tank prior to final blending
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8 436002 580004 / 28436002580008 / 12

Reviews:

"2020 Casa La Rad 'Solarce' Rioja Blanco- The 2020 'Solarce' is soft and generous on the mouth with buttered French bread, salted melon and shades of nectarine on the palate. Round and nicely textured, this is absolutely gorgeous stuff for the price. Drink 2023-2030."

91 points [OwenBargreen.com](#); Owen Bargreen - October, 2023

"The 2020 Solarce Rioja Blanco bottling from Casa la Rad is made from a rather new school blend of fifty percent Chardonnay, thirty percent Malvasia and ten percent each of Viura and Tempranillo Blanco. The chardonnay portion of the cuvée is barrel-fermented and raised in oak casks, while the other varieties are fermented and raised in stainless steel. The wine delivers an excellent and impressively complex aromatic constellation of pear, lemon, white lilies, acacia blossoms, sandy soil tones, orange peel and a touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is bright, ripe and full-bodied, with good depth at the core, fine balance and grip, sound framing acids and a long, nascently complex finish. This wine is more expressive today on the nose than it is on the palate, and a bit more bottle age may bring out more palate complexity. It is a good bottle as it is, but if the palate can play catch up to the superb nose, it will be outstanding! 2023-2030+."

89+ points [View from the Cellar](#); John Gilman - Issue #103 January/February 2023.

"This deep-straw-colored wine has a bouquet of pineapple and flint. It offers flavors of green pear, lemon and grapefruit, with a touch of rose petal on the zesty finish." **Best Buy. 89 points** [Wine Enthusiast](#); Mike DeSimone - Issue June- July 2023

