



SCALA DEI



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## El Tribut de Scala Dei 2021

Scala Dei, one of the oldest and most iconic wineries in the Priorat region of Spain, is celebrated for crafting wines of exceptional depth and complexity. With a rich history dating back to the 12th century, it has set the benchmark for Priorat's unique terroir. Scala Dei wines are frequently recognized among Spain's top wines. The El Tribut de Scala Dei 2021 specifically showcases the winery's heritage, delivering a wine of remarkable finesse and expression, true to its historic roots.



### General Information

- **Producer:** Cellers de Scala Dei
- **Appellation:** D.O.Q. Priorat, Spain
- **Varietal Composition:** 100% Grenache
- **Vintage:** 2021
- **Alcohol Content:** 15%
- **Volume:** 750ml



### Vineyard and Terroir

- **Location:** Priorat, Spain
- **Soil Type:** Slate soils (known as "llicorella") which are characteristic of the Priorat region, contributing to the wine's minerality and intensity.
- **Viticulture Practices:** Traditional bush vine cultivation in terraced vineyards, allowing for optimal sunlight exposure and grape maturation.



### Winemaking

- **Harvest:** Grapes are hand-harvested at their peak ripeness, ensuring quality and concentration.
- **Vinification:** Fermented using native yeasts in small open tanks to preserve the unique character of the terroir, followed by a careful maceration process.
- **Aging:** Aged for 12 months in French oak barrels to enhance structure and complexity, followed by additional aging in the bottle before release.



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## Tasting Notes

- **Appearance:** Bright ruby red color with violet reflections.
- **Aroma:** Intense aromas of ripe red fruits, such as cherry and raspberry, accompanied by subtle notes of licorice and Mediterranean herbs.
- **Palate:** Elegant and balanced, with a fresh acidity that complements the smooth, polished tannins, leading to a harmonious and long-lasting finish.
- **Finish:** Persistent and complex, with lingering flavors of ripe fruits and a touch of minerality.



## Food Pairing

- **Recommended Pairings:** Recommended Pairings: Perfect with grilled lamb chops, Iberian ham, or roasted vegetables. Also pairs well with aged Manchego cheese and dishes featuring Mediterranean herbs.



## Sustainable Practices and Certifications

- **Sustainable Winemaking:** The winery follows sustainable viticulture practices, focusing on minimal intervention and preserving the natural environment of the Priorat region.



## Awards and Recognition

- Wine Spectator: 94 points, praising its elegance and authentic expression of the Priorat terroir.
- Decanter: 93 points, highlighting its balanced structure and vibrant flavors.



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### **Producer's Notes**

El Tribut de Scala Dei 2021 reflects the essence of the Priorat region, offering an authentic and refined wine experience. With its rich flavors and aging potential, this wine exemplifies the dedication of Cellers de Scala Dei to traditional winemaking and quality.