



# Priorat

## Francesca Vicent Robert

### Winery Info Sheet



**Proprietor:** Cesca Vicent founded the winery in 1999 but family owned vineyards since the 13th century with 40 acres of vineyard land in the town of Gratallops. Her first vintage release was 2000.

**Winemaker / Vineyard Manager:** Emili Esteve and Cesca Vincent Robert.

**Location:** Located in Zone 5 in the north east of Spain between Terra Alta and Penedés at 817 ft altitude. The vineyards are located in the lower valley and the winery in the small town “pueblo” of Gratallops.

**Wines Made:** Lo Piot and Abat Domenech.

**Climate:** High Mediterranean (Zone 5) hot days and moderate nights with vineyard at 816 ft. altitude with average temperatures from April to October of 65.5° F. with rainfall of 11.6 inches; both cooler and lower respectively than most DO’s in this climatic zone. The moderate temperatures, low rainfall, high sun exposure and cool nights combine to create this very unique microclimate of Priorat, producing wines that are simultaneously both ripe and fresh with vibrant acidity.

**Soils:** The vineyards of Cesca within the valley of Gratallops account for one of the most determining quality factors. The topsoil is composed of volcanic slate stones with subsoil consisting of different layers of clay and river stones. Soils are very low in organic matter and low pH giving higher levels of acidity to the wines. The steep 7-degree angle slopes on average, facilitates water drainage and faster water evaporation, producing smaller berries—with greater skin to juice ratios, revealing greater intensity of fruit flavors.

**What makes Cesca unique?** 1) Small production wines from estate owned family vineyards since the 13th century and possibly the oldest vineyards in the region. 2) Cesca’s pioneering efforts in participating in the “first-wave” of the revolutionary changes that Priorat has undergone in the last 10 years. 3) Wines produced are driven by structural balance and a distinct elegant quality in contrast, some Priorat wines exhibiting high alcohol, not well integrated into the wine—hot on the palate and finish.



There are 4,077 acres of vineyard land in Priorat.



Cesca Vicent In the Solanes parcel located in the Gratallops valley.

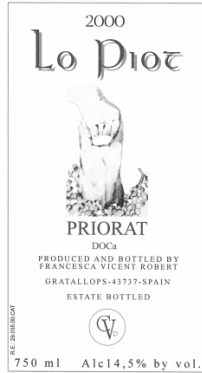
#### BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

NAME OF VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES	GRAPES	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
MAS D’EN CORRAL	15	47	GARNACHA AND CAB	SLATE STONE, GRAVEL	816 ft	7%
SOLANES	20	17	GARNACHA, SYRAH	SLATE AND RIVER STONES	816 ft	7%
SOLANES	5	17	CARIÑENA	SLATE STONE, GRAVEL	816 ft	7%



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**Name of Wine:** Lo Piot 2002

**Producer:** Francesca Vicent Robert

**DO:** Priorat (Zone # 5)

**Grapes:** 90% Garnacha, 10% Cab

**Production:** 1,500 Cases made – 500 for the U.S.

**Wine Maker:** Emili Esteve // **Owner:** Cesca Vicent

**Ageing:** 12 Months in French Oak Barrels

**Notes:**

Lo Piot 2002 Parker **88 pts**

This winery performed well in the difficult 2002 vintage. Made from one of the lower villages of Priorato, Gratallops, the 2002 Lo Piot (90% Grenache and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon) exhibits a deep ruby/purple color in addition to a crisp bouquet of minerals, flowers, distinctive terroir elements, a hint of sweet cherries, and black fruits. With good acidity, attractive ripeness, and a short finish, it is a fine, complex wine that only lacks persistence in the mouth. Drink it over the next 3-4 years. June 2005



**Name of Wine:** Abat Domenech 2004

**Producer:** Francesca Vicent Robert

**DO:** Priorat (Zone # 5)

**Grapes:** 50% Garnacha, 50% Cab

**Production:** 700 Cases made – 100 for the U.S.

**Wine Maker:** Emili Esteve // **Owner:** Cesca Vicent

**Ageing:** 12 Months in French oak Barrels

**Notes:**

Abat Domenech 2002 Parker **91 pts**

This winery performed well in the difficult 2002 vintage. The outstanding, dense ruby/purple-tinged 2002 Abat Domenech is a 50-50 blend of Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon grown in slate and gravel soils. A floral-scented bouquet reveals notions of crushed rocks, acacia flowers, black raspberries, and currants. This medium-bodied, full-flavored 2002 boasts sweet fruit, good acidity, and terrific definition. Enjoy this beauty over the next 7-8 years. June 2005

Previous Ratings:

2000 Vintage: 93+ Parker