

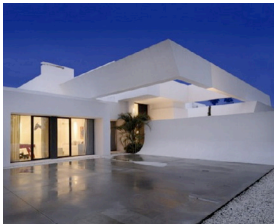
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## SECULO GODELLO Y DOÑA BLANCA 2010



*Like a nifty young Spaniard, who shows up at the party and makes everyone else feel immediately uncool.*

### conceptual doppelgänger



Spain is a land of very old and very new – one must pay homage to both mistresses

to find favor with the most fickle of crowds. This White House on the surface seems another modern architectural fantasy, and it is, but when you see how the house is meant to be lived in; it reveals its Spanish soul by including the land and its bounty in a socially harmonious manner with ultra modern packaging. This is a house I would love to live in.

<b>Winemaker</b>	Jose Luis Santín Vázquez
<b>Grapes</b>	60% Godello, 40% Doña Blanca
<b>Region</b>	Bierzo
<b>Vine Age</b>	A small percentage of the vines are 80 to 100 years old, while the majority are 40-80 years old.
<b>Soil</b>	Slate with clay sub-soil
<b>Producer</b>	The owner of Seculo, Victor Robla and his wife Angeles have deep roots in winemaking that date back to the 15th century. The vineyard operations are truly a family affair, as Victor's four sons each will eventually take a role in export sales, domestic market, oenology and winery management respectively. The vineyards of Seculo are at an elevation of about 600 meters, where old vines of Mencia and Godello hang on steep slate soil slopes. The climate in Bierzo is ideal for winemaking, with long hot summer days and cool autumn nights. The goal here is to make wines that are "on the one hand powerful, mineral and tannic, and round and fruity on the other."
<b>Viti/Vini</b>	Harvest typically begins around September 15th. The grapes are carefully picked and sorted and during fermentation, the temperature is controlled by cooling jackets keeping it at 18 °C. The yeasts are indigenous from Bierzo. The fermentation takes about 20 days, the wine is then aged in stainless steel until December bottling. Seculo's Godello y Doña Blanca is an intriguing blend of the rich, round Godello combined with the almost forgotten Doña Blanca grape with its complimentary fruit and herbal notes.

