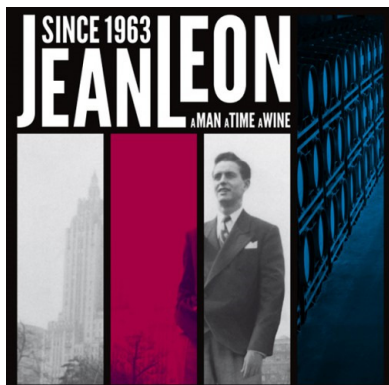


# JEAN LEON

## PENEDES



In 1947 Ángel Ceferino Carrión Madrazo moved to France from Barcelona to avoid being drafted by General Franco. He would change his name to Jean Leon and after several attempts to leave Europe he was finally able to stowaway on a boat destined for the United States. In 1949, he moved to Los Angeles and worked in several restaurants and began to mingle with Hollywood legends; James Dean, Marilyn Monroe and Frank Sinatra to name a few. In 1956, Jean's first dream came to fruition when he opened his own restaurant *La Scala* in Beverly Hills, which would go on a very successful 30-year run.

Jean's second dream was to make a wine worthy of serving to his famous guests and in 1962 he would purchase 150 hectares in Penedes, planting Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc and Chardonnay. In 1969 he would produce his first vintage of Cabernet Sauvignon, all of which was sold through his restaurant.

In 1973 he would produce the first barrel-fermented Chardonnay in Spain. On January 20th, 1981, Ronald Reagan served Vinya La Scala Cabernet Sauvignon Gran Reserva 1975 and Vinya Gigi Chardonnay 1980 for his official inaugural dinner at the White House. In 1994, after being diagnosed with cancer Jean decided to entrust the Torres family with his legacy to ensure the continuity of his winery and maintain the unique personality and identity of the wines that bear his name.



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