

VALBUENA 5º

2013

DESCRIPTION

Valbuena is the pure expression of a red at Vega Sicilia, with an ageing process, from barrel to bottle, which lasts five years and gives its name: Valbuena 5o (5th).

Both new and used 225-litre French and American oak barrels and 8.500-litre vats are used for a long and complex process for perhaps, the wine which has evolved the most in the last few years.

Valbuena 5o presents its splendor in each vintage and a direct view of the greatness of its soil, where 140 hectares of land are dedicated to this wine; weather conditions each year make a distinction on the vintage.

Thanks to the extraordinary job in the vineyard and a second year ageing in tanks, today Valbuena 5o 2013 is vibrant and rich.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Alcohol by volume - **14 %**

Variety - **95 % Tinto Fino and 5 % Merlot**

Average vineyard age - **35 years**

Vineyard surface area - **210 ha (Finca Vega Sicilia)**

Planting density - **2,222 plants/ha**

Altitude - **700 - 900 m**

Yield - **3,600 kg/ha**

Harvest - **Hand-picked in 12 kg**

2013 VINEYARD CYCLE

Mild winter with temperatures slightly higher than usual and lower rainfall brought forward bud break 7 days, although precipitation in spring and relatively low temperatures caused a delay in both flowering and veraison, 10 days compared to last year.

Normal temperatures in summer, yet partly dry, with some showers caused no damage. Day temperature, as usual in September, though decrease in low temperatures, resulting in a wide temperature range between day and night.

Harvest took place starting end of September up to mid-October with abundant rainfall; so the enormous work in the vineyard reflects the grapes perfect sanitary conditions and ripeness level when entering the winery.

STORAGE AND RECOMMENDED DRINKING WINDOW

These wines are ready for drinking now but may potentially be stored for approximately 20 - 30 years if kept in optimum conditions (12-14 °C) at 60% relative humidity, and constant temperature, protected from direct light.

Optimum drinking temperature is 18 °C.

PRODUCTION

150.650 Bordeaux, 5.520 Magnum, 339 Double Magnum and 26 Imperial bottles.

BOTTLED DATE

June 2015



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