

# VALBUENA 5º

## 2018

### DESCRIPTION

Valbuena 5º is the purest expression of red wine at Vega Sicilia. It is aged between barrel and bottle over five years, giving rise to the wine's name: Valbuena 5º.

A fresher, Atlantic-influenced, somewhat more productive vintage. We had to be stricter during selection, but these vintages provided a touch of zing and verticality to the wines, which is wonderful. We were able to squeeze extraction somewhat more for the 2018, and we increased the influence of wood during the first year of ageing, particularly our American oak (5 %). During the second year of ageing, the vat worked on this complexity of nuances and particularly the elegance of the texture.

**Valbuena 5º 2018 is a vertical, zingy, crystalline expression, full of nuances, with a seductive and unctuous texture.**

### GENERAL INFORMATION

Alcohol by volume - **14.5 %**

Variety - **96 % Tinto Fino and 4 % Merlot**

Average vineyard age - **33 years**

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

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

Altitude - **700 - 900 m**

Yield - **3,100 kg/ha – 21.7 Hl/ha**

Harvest - **Hand-picked in 12 kg crates from 1 to 13 October**

### 2018 VINEYARD CYCLE

The previous cycle ended with lower than average minimum temperatures and widespread frosts from early November. Winter temperatures were lower than normal, but they were above average in early April, leading to suitable budbreak in the second fortnight of the month.

Summer temperatures were normal for the time of year, and combined with the abundant water reserves in the soil and good luminosity, the vineyard developed excellently, with a faster vine cycle.

Stormy periods with abundant precipitation during early September led to a delay in harvesting.

### STORAGE AND RECOMMENDED DRINKING WINDOW

This wine is suitable for drinking now, but it can be aged for up to 25 years if stored in the ideal conditions of: 12-14 °C / 54-57 °F and 60 % relative humidity.

The recommended drinking temperature is 18 °C/64 °F.

### PRODUCTION

180,580 Bordeaux, 5,528 Magnum, 411 Double Magnum, 39 Imperial, and 6 Salmanazar bottles.

### BOTTLED DATE

June 2021

