DESCRIPTION

Of the 1,000 hectares making up the Vega Sicilia estate, 210 are used for wine growing, and there are 19 soil-types divided for management purposes into 52 plots with very specific characteristics. The influence of the Duero river’s flow and the passage of time have been vital in forming these soils.

40 of these hectares are employed to produce Unico. A unique, magical estate which, along with extraordinary management of the vineyard, enables the production of legendary wines.

The Unico ageing process is probably the world’s longest, since it runs for at least ten years from barrel to bottle. 225-litre barrels of French and American wood, both new and used, and 20,000-litre tanks. A long complex process for a legendary wine.

Unico is a wine for all eternity. Only a handful of terroirs worldwide are able to match this wine’s extraordinary ageing potential. This is a wine of inimitable style, mature, tremendously elegant and silky, in which the ageing process brings the mystique of the essence to the surface.

Our commitment to present our wines in its optimum moment lead us to decide to wait before releasing 2005. These two additional years in bottle has brought surprising results which we can now observe; its elegance, complexity and silkiness.

2005 VINEYARD CYCLE

We left behind a dry winter to face a dry spring, as well, but fortunately no frosts in May. Budding was normal, even a bit late, but heat in June and especially in July caused the cycle to be early. In general, it was a healthy and early harvest starting September 21st. The wide temperature variation between night and day during maturity has made this a good vintage.

PRODUCTION

93,545 bordeaux bottles, 2,391 magnum bottles, 146 double-magnum bottles and 6 imperial bottles.

STORAGE, SERVING AND DRINKING WINDOW

These wines are ready for drinking now but may potentially be stored for approximately 40 - 60 years if kept in optimum conditions (12-14 ºC; at 60% relative humidity, and constant temperature, protected from direct light.

Optimum drinking temperature is 18 ºC.

BOTTLED DATE

June 2011.