

UNICO 2013



VEGA-SICILIA

WINEMAKER'S DESCRIPTION

210 of the almost 1,000 hectares on the Vega Sicilia estate are used for vine growing, which include 19 different types of soil and 64 plots with very specific characteristics. The influence of the course of the Douro River and time itself have played a key role in the notable use of these soils.

The rainy end to the harvest left its imprint on the wine from this vintage. 2013 was a year to spend time in the vineyard, tend to it with care, and not rest on your laurels during harvest. A more elegant, subtle, and complex profile. The grapes are harvested from the 40 hectares used to produce Unico, a wine that ages at least ten years between barrel and bottle, representing one of the world's longest ageing processes. For the first phase, we used 225-litre French and American oak barrels to start to structure the wine; the second phase involved using 22,000-litre wooden vats. A long, complex, yet wonderful wine construction, during which they obtain endless nuances, definition, texture, and depth over time. This incredible terroir and the unique ageing process make our wines timeless when they aged.

2013 is a subtle, elegant, fresh, vertical, complex, silky, and well-defined vintage. This wine is a true paradox, enjoyable to drink now, but timeless when allowed to age in bottle.

GROWING SEASON

A mild winter with slightly higher temperatures and less rainfall than the year-on-year average saw budburst brought forward by seven days. However, spring rains and relatively low temperatures led to flowering and veraison occurring ten days later in the cycle compared to the previous year.

Normal temperatures in summer, but somewhat dry with the several storms, causing minimum damage. September saw normal temperatures, but with lower minimum temperatures, meaning there was large thermal amplitude between day and night.

Harvest took place from the end of September through to mid-October with abundant rainfall, so the major efforts in the vineyard ensured the grapes were in perfect health and ripeness when they entered the winery.

STORAGE, SERVICE AND DRINKING WINDOW

This wine is ready to drink now holding a potential ageing window of approximately 40 - 60 years if kept in ideal conditions: constant temperature of 12-14°C and 60% relative humidity.

Optimum drinking temperature is 18°C / 64°F.



ALCOHOL BY VOLUME - 14%

GRAPE VARIETY - 97% Tinto Fino and 3% Cabernet Sauvignon

AGEING - 10 years: five years between barrels and vat, and five years of aging in bottle

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINEYARD - 33 years

VINEYARD SURFACE - 210ha in the Vega Sicilia estate

PLANT DENSITY - 2,222 plants/ha

ELEVATION - 700-900 m

YIELD - 3,600kg/ha - 25.2hl/ha

HARVEST - Hand-picked in 12 kg crates from 27 September to 17 October

PRODUCTION - 76,476 Bordeaux, 3,658 Magnum, 362 Double Magnum, 59 Imperial and 6 Salmanazar

BOTTLING DATE - June 2019
