

# VALBUENA 5° 2020



VEGA-SICILIA

## WINEMAKER'S DESCRIPTION

Valbuena 5° is Vega Sicilia's purest red wine expression. Its ageing, five years in oak and bottle, gives the wine its name: Valbuena 5°.

Two extraordinary events marked 2020, a year we will never forget. On the one hand, Covid forced us to adapt to the new circumstances and introduce protective measures we had never needed before, but it also strengthened our team spirit enormously.

On the other hand, the heavy rainfall before the harvest changed our forecasts. In this vintage it was essential to be vigilant in the vineyard, tasting and monitoring the grapes to check their concentration after the dilution caused by the rain.

**Valbuena 5° 2020 is a more ethereal, elegant and subtle expression. Delicate, but also rich and profound. A real pleasure.**

## GROWING SEASON

The previous growing season ended with warmer than normal temperatures, favouring good lignification.

Average spring temperatures and rainfall helped the plants to bud successfully in the second half of April, with no frosts. Rainfall was below average for this vintage.

June was cooler than normal, while July was warmer, which meant that veraison started a week earlier than average. There was some rain during the harvest, which forced us to stop temporarily to pick dry, healthy grapes.



## STORAGE, SERVICE AND DRINKING WINDOW

This wine is suitable for drinking now, but it has a cellaring potential for 25 years if stored in optimal conditions: 12-14°C / 54-57°F and 60% relative humidity.

Best served at 18°C / 64°F.



PER 100 ML 358 KJ / 86 KCAL

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ALCOHOL BY VOLUME - 14%

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GRAPE VARIETY - 97% Tinto Fino and 3% Merlot

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AGEING - 12 months in barrels, 12 months in vat, six months in stainless steel, and 18 months of aging in bottle

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AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINEYARD - 35 years

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VINEYARD SURFACE - 210ha in the Vega Sicilia estate

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PLANT DENSITY - 2,222 plants/ha

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ELEVATION - 720-930m

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YIELD - 3,800kg/ha - 26.6hl/ha

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HARVEST - Manual, in 12 kg boxes, from 21 September to 5 October

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PRODUCTION - 186,286 Bordeaux, 5,673 Magnum, 400 Double Magnum, 35 Imperial and 5 Salmanazar

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BOTTLING DATE - May 2023

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