

Único 2009 Vega Sicilia - 300 cl. (Doble Magnum)



This is the flagship of the estate. In the good vintages, the Único represents one third of its total production. The prestigious cuvée has always been made the same way; the ageing process has never changed: the wine cannot be sold before it is 10 years old. The grapes of Único come from older vines (average: 35 years) and the cuvée is only made in the best vintages.



Vinification

After fermentation, the wine stays for some time in large wooden vats. This is where and when its future is determined: Único or Valbuena. The superior qualities (Único) will be aged for 12 months in new French oak barrels, then in American oak barrels for a duration which varies according to the vintage. Then the wine is put back into the larger vats. Único is bottled after 6 years of ageing, on average. Then it is left to ripen in the bottle for at least 4 years. In the greater vintages, Único can stay longer in the oak - up to 9 years.



Storage potential

30 years.



To serve

Serve at 18°C, in a large glass, after decanting for 5 hours (at least during the first 5 years after bottling).



Trial analysis

The key words here are concentration, complexity and length. Red and black fruit - blackcurrant, strawberry, cherry, plum, mint, figs, spices, moka, licorice, coconut, chocolate. In tastings, Único and Reserva Especial always feel 20 or 30 years younger than they are, mainly thanks to the underlying acidity typical of the Tempranillo.



Wine style:

Continental, elegant gourmet wine



Assembly

Tinto Fino (94%), Cabernet Sauvignon (6%)



Region:

Castilla y León



Appellation:

D.O. Ribera del Duero



Wine estate:

Vega Sicilia

Description domain

Spain's most celebrated wine estate, with a rich history Famous for producing one of the most long-living wines in the world.