

2015 Pago Valdebellón Cabernet Sauvignon, Abadia Retuerta



Country: Spain

Region: Vina de la Tierra de Castilla y León

Grapes: Grape Cabernet Sauvignon 100

Tasting Note:

Single-vineyard Cabernet Sauvignon with a pungent, punchy nose of balsamic, cloves and wild herbs, followed by blackcurrant and a twist of orange peel in the mouth.

Winemaking:

After sorting, the grapes were fermented at low temperature with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks for around 1 to 3 weeks; during this time, gentle extraction was performed by delestage and remontage. After a spontaneous malolactic fermentation in tank, a unique system devised by Pascal Delbeck was used to move the wine to "IFO" steel mini-vats, allowing pump-free racking without moving the tanks. This was followed by 19 months in oak barricas of 225L.

Vineyard :

The estate itself was founded in 1146 as the Abbey of Santa Maria de Retuerta. Having been passed through different families it came to its current form in 1988 with a winery then being established in 1996 with plantings on land previously owned by Vega Sicilia. At the hands of Pascal Delbeck of Chateau Ausone they undertook an incredibly complex soil investigation to find the most ideal plots for the most ideal grape varieties. Thus the vineyards of Abadia Retuerta were born. Despite not being within the political Ribera Del Duero denomination, the vineyards are very much on the revered "golden mile" albeit a couple of minutes into neighbouring Sardon del Duero. Valdebellon is a single site with a particular micro climate and a unique soil composition

Food matching:

A full bodied wine that serves as a great accompaniment to rib of beef or slow cooked shin.

Awards:

Classic Cabernet; attractive plum, cedar, tobacco and liquorice notes. Savoury tannins with dark chocolate and a long, dry, herbal finish.

Code A9406115	Practice No
Product STILL	Acidity 5.6 g/L
Style Red, Richly Textured and Full-Bodied	Residual Sugar <2 g/L
pH Level 3.82	Organic No
ABV 14.50 %	Biodynamic No
Closure Natural Cork	Egg / Milk No
Bottle Size 75cl	



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