

# VALBUENA 5º

## DESCRIPTION

Valbuena is the purest expression of red wine at Vega Sicilia and is aged for five years between barrel and bottle, which lends its name to the end product: Valbuena 5º.

The first year of ageing is done in oak barrels and it's particularly important, using 75 % French oak and 25 % American oak. In this first stage, our goal is to build the wine, working on its structure, sense of sweetness and density. The second year of ageing takes place in large wooden vats and, in this stage, it gains elegance, complexity, tension and subtlety.

**Valbuena 5º 2016 is the perfect balance between elegance, complexity and concentration. Pure harmony.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

Alcohol by volume - **14.5 %**

Variety - **94 % Tinto Fino and 6 % Merlot**

Average age of vineyard - **35 years**

Vineyards - **Finca Vega Sicilia**

Planting density - **2,222 plants/ha**

Altitude - **700 - 900 m**

Yield - **3,000-3,500 kg/ha - 21-24.5 hl/ha**

Harvest - **Manual in 12 kg boxes from 22 September to 11 October**

## 2016 VINEYARD CYCLE

The first frosts took place in mid-November, although they were not significant until December. This triggered a good parch process. The weather was relatively mild from November to February, a trend that was reversed in early March. As the start of spring was cooler than average, bud break was slightly later than usual.

The summer was typical of Ribera del Duero and flowering took place in the middle of June. The sweltering heat experienced in the month of August caused long dormancy stages that delayed ripening.

September was a dry month, which helped ensure good health and a well-balanced end of ripening. The harvest began on 22 September with *pie de cuba* and then continued between 27 September and 11 October.

## STORAGE, SERVING AND DRINKING WINDOW

This wine is suitable for drinking now, but it can be stored for 30 years in optimal conditions: 12-14 °C / 54-57 °F and 60 % relative humidity.

The recommended serving temperature is 18 °C / 64 °F.

## PRODUCTION

182,882 Bordeaux bottles, 6,030 Magnum, 411 Double Magnum, 50 Imperial and 6 Salmanazar.

## BOTTLING DATE

May 2019

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