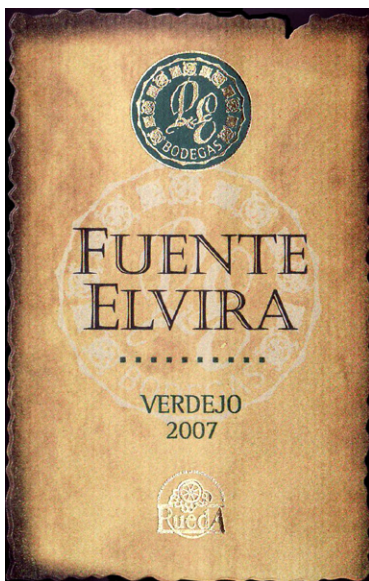


Fuente Elvira 2007



Winery: Bodegas Pedro Escudero

Region: Rueda D.O.

Grapes: 100% Verdejo

Winery: For several generations now, the Escudero family has been the heir to a line of winegrowers who are enthusiasts of their land, customs and traditions regarding the cultivation of the vines. The family owns a vineyard planted with 32 Ha. of Verdejo and 2 Ha. of Viura. The name of the vineyard is "Fuente Elvira" and the soil, which consists of gravel and sand over a red clay sub-soil, has some of the most highly regarded soils in the Rueda district.

D.O. The wines from Rueda won wide renown in the 1700's thanks to clarification using local clay which made the wines especially clear and long lived. Rioja producer Marques de Riscal started a new venture in the area in 1972 engendering a start of new plantings and focus on quality leading to D.O. status being granted in 1980.

Wine: This wine is made from fruit grown in the Fuente Elvira vineyard with an average vine age of 40 years. The grapes are gently crushed in pneumatic press, following cold maceration for 24 hours. It was fermented under temperature-controlled at 60 degrees F for 28 days. The wine was in contact with its lees for 28 days. Stabilization and light filtration occurred before bottling in March 2008.

Reviews:

"Spicy melon and peach on the nose; picks up lime zest and dusty minerals with air. Lively citrus and orchard fruit flavors offer good, palate-coating intensity without excess weight. Becomes even more bracing on the finish, where the lime note strongly echoes. This is extremely easy to drink."

90 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 139 July/ Aug '08

"A slightly heavier version of Verdejo, especially given 2007's cool conditions in Rueda. The wine has waxy peach and papaya aromas followed by apricot, pineapple and mango flavors. It definitely opens on the palate and then finishes with a fleshy texture, additional fruit and even some nuts. Good complexity yet still a forward type of white wine." **Best Buy**

89 points *Wine Enthusiast* August '08



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