

Fuente Elvira 2009



Winery: Bodegas Pedro Escudero

Region: Rueda D.O.

Grapes: 100% Verdejo

Winery: The Escudero family and patriarch Pedro in particular are recognized as being some of the very best grape growers in all of Rueda. He is often approached by neighbors looking for advice about vineyard issues. They have only been bottling wine since 2002, though they had been growing and selling grapes for a number of years prior. 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. They farm all of their plots with organic practices.

Wine: This wine is made from fruit grown in the Fuente Elvira vineyard with an average vine age of 40 years. The grapes were destemmed and see a cold maceration for 24 hours. Then they were gently crushed in pneumatic press. The must was fermented under temperature-controlled at 60° F for 28 days. The wine was in contact with its lees for several months prior to bottling. Stabilization and light filtration occurred before bottling in March 2010.

Reviews:

"Full of aroma and flavor and character, this is yet another impressive Verdejo from Rueda (located north and west of Madrid) indicating that these wines are rapidly overtaking Albariño as Spain's most noteworthy whites. It shows intense aromatic notes of cut straw and lavender, followed by piercing citrus flavors and a long, bright finish."

91 points *Wine Review Online* August 3, 2010 - Michael Franz

"Green-tinged yellow. Intriguing, heady aromas of white peach, green tea, pear, nectarine, spices and minerals. Dense and powerful, but the flavors of nectarine and dried flowers are kept fresh by lemony acidity and a stony element. The finish stains the palate with intense spice and mineral flavors. This would be superb with raw shellfish."

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