Fuente Milano 2008



Winery: Bodegas Pedro Escudero

Region: Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y Leon

Grapes: 50% Viura, 50% 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.

Wine: The winery has recently acquired several vineyards planted with old vine Viura, some with vines aged up to 80 years. Grapes were harvested by hand during the first week of October

with strict selection of the grapes, which, after reception at the winery, underwent cold maceration for 12 hours and were then lightly bladder pressed to extract the free run juice. The wine (must) underwent slow alcoholic fermentation for 20 days. Afterwards, it aged in stainless steel vats with its lees for several weeks. Stabilization and light filtration occurred before bottling.

Reviews:

Recommended 87 points Wine Advocate issue 181 February '09

"Light, bright yellow. Aromas of grapefruit, green apple and lemon pith. Vibrant and pure, offering zesty citrus flavors and a suave undercurrent of succulent herbs. A note of anise adds complexity to the spicy, persistent finish. Reminds me of plenty of sauvignon blancs that sell for twice the price."

88 points International Wine Cellar issue 145 June '09