

Fuente Milano 2010



Winery: Bodegas Pedro Escudero

Region: Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y Leon

Grapes: 50% Viura, 50% 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: 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:

"Hard to complain about a fresh, basic white wine like this. It's juicy and pleasant, with melon, citrus and nice acidity. The finish is fresh and lasting, and overall it's pure and fairly full-bodied for basic Verdejo-Viura." **Best Buy**

87 points *Wine Enthusiast* July 2011

"Light yellow. Pungent aromas of grapefruit pith, pear and herbs. Juicy and firm, with brisk, refreshingly bitter flavors of citrus pith and succulent herbs. Shows good flavor intensity without excess weight and finishes dry, nervy and persistent."

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