

Valdelainos 2010



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 subsoil, has some of the most highly regarded soils in the Rueda district. They farm all of their plots with organic practices.

Wine: Harvested by hand during the first week of October. 12 hours of cold maceration were followed by a light pressing 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 in late December 2010.

Reviews:

“Green-tinged gold. Bracing aromas of grapefruit, lime zest and herbs, plus a whiff of mustard seed. Juicy and firm but not hard, showing very good intensity to its citrus, herb and anise flavors. Taut, uncompromising and precise white wine with a dusty, long, herb-accented finish.”

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