

Mantel Blanco Sauvignon Blanc 2023(White Wine)



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| Appellation | Rueda D.O. |
| Grapes | 100% Sauvignon Blanc |
| Altitude / Soil | 750 meters / alluvial soils composed of sand, clay and pebbles |
| Farming Methods | Traditional methods / Sustainable agriculture |
| Harvest | Machine-picked at night |
| Production | Grapes were destemmed and underwent an overnight cold maceration with skins prior to pressing, fermented in stainless steel tank |
| Aging | Aged for a few months on fine lees prior to bottling |
| UPC / SCC / Pack Size | 8413498112018 / 8413498112094 / 12 |

Reviews:

"...As things turned out, Verdejo performs extremely well when rendered as a fresh, dry table wine, so examples of Sauvignon have dwindled over the past two decades. However, as this producer shows every year, Rueda produces Sauvignon that is fleshy and ripe but still varietal in character, with citrus and white melon flavors that meld very nicely with light herbal accents. This can't match the 2023 Verdejo in terms of physical weight or the impressiveness that naturally flows from that attribute, but it is every bit as complex, and a bit more refreshing for summer enjoyment. Compared to the many ripe Sauvignons being released from California and Washington state, this is better than most costing nearly twice as much."

92 Points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz Jun 11, 2024

"Alvarez y Diez 2023 Mantel Blanco Sauvignon Blanc (Rueda). This pale straw-colored wine has aromas of honeydew melon and sliced ginger. Vibrant on the palate, it offers flavors of peach, apricot, sage leaf and ginger shot through with a bold vein of acidity. Grapes of Spain." **Best Buy.**

92 Points Wine Enthusiast; Mike DeSimone, Issue June/ July 2024

"The 2023 Verdejo Mantel Blanco bottling is crafted from older vines, as these vineyards are now more than thirty years-old and the grapes are again, picked at night to keep up acidity levels. The wine offers up a lovely nose of gooseberry, limepeel, salty soil tones, orange blossoms and a topnote of gentle grassiness. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a good core, lovely soil inflection and grip, a fine girdle of acidity and a long, poised and very nicely balanced finish. I always think of Rueda Verdejo as the Sancerre of Spain and this certainly seems like an appropriate moniker for the lovely 2023 Mantel Blanco bottling. 2024- 2030."

89 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman - Issue #109 January/February 2024.

