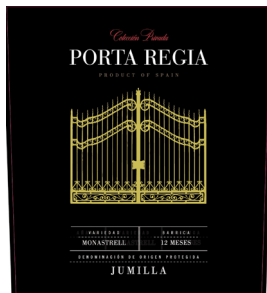


Porta Regia Monastrell 12 meses 2020 (Red Wine)



Bodegas Sierra Norte has over 50 hectares of bush vine Monastrell planted in warm and arid Jumilla Denomination of Origin. Their original planting date to 1958. They reduce grape yields and are engaged increasing biologic diversity and improving soil structure. They firmly believe that these efforts will yield balanced wines which will more clearly express their local environment. The winery converted all of their vineyards to organic growing methods in 2012 but are not currently seeking certification.

“Our wines are the fruit of teamwork, a unique location and a commitment to the indigenous grapes of the Mediterranean.”

Appellation	D.O. Jumilla
Grapes	100% Monastrell, from estate grown bush vines between 30-50 years old
Altitude / Soil	650 meters / limestone, poor in organic matter and low salinity
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested
Production	Pre-fermentative maceration at 60 F for 4 days and then fermented in stainless steel vats for 10 days at 74F
Aging	Aged for 12 months in 60% American and 40% French barrels, all second fill
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8 58973 00246 6 / N/A / 12

Reviews:

“The 12 Meses bottling from Bodegas Sierra Norte is their old vine cuvée, as these Monastrell vines are fully fifty years of age. Though this wine is aged for twelve months in cask, it sees no new oak and is raised entirely in “two wine” barrels, with the oak origin breaking down as sixty percent French casks and forty percent American barrels. The wine also carries 14.5 percent octane in this vintage, but the fruit expressions are fresher and the wine offers up an excellent bouquet of cassis, dark berries, coffee bean, dark soil tones, cigar smoke and a nice, understated touch of vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a good chassis of ripe tannin, fine balance and grip and a long, complex and promising finish. This is going to be a very good wine once it is ready to drink and is an absolute steal, as it sells here in the US for only \$21 per bottle! 2031-2055+.” **90+ points View from the Cellar**; John Gilman - Issue #103 January/February 2023.

