

Mil Cepas Cencibel Vino de Parcela 2019 (Red Wine)



In 2012 Manuel Manzanque Suarez his own winery with his wife Paloma, focused on producing high quality wines based on the indigenous Cencibel grape of La Mancha. 2014 was the first time winemaker Manuel Manzanque chose to bottle a single plot as a unique wine. This wine, Mil Cepas, literally One Thousand Vines, is that wine. The unique sandy soils of this vineyard lead to slower ripening and additional complexity in the finished wines. Approximately 3,000 bottles were produced in this inaugural vintage.

Appellation	Vino de la Tierra de Castilla
Grapes	100% Cencibel, from low-yielding, 40 year old vines from a 1.9 acre vineyard
Altitude / Soil	800 meters / sandy with limestone subsoil
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic since 2011, not certified
Harvest	Hand harvested, with sorting at both harvest and at the winery
Production	Cold pre-fermentation maceration for 1 week, followed by fermentation with native yeasts in stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged for 14 months in second use French oak barrels
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8-437006-184915 // 12

Reviews:

“The 2019 Mil Cepas bottling from Manuel Manzanque Suárez is also composed entirely from Tempranillo, with the wine fermented with indigenous yeasts and raised for fourteen months in used French oak barrels prior to bottling. The wine delivers a deep and complex aromatic constellation of red and black raspberries, cigar wrapper, stony soil tones, lovely spice tones, woodsmoke and cedar. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and complex, with a superb core of fruit, firm, well-integrated tannins, good balance and a long, nascently complex and promising finish. This is a touch lower in octane than the !EA! bottling from 2020, coming in at 13.5 percent octane, and it will age long and gracefully. Good juice. 2031-2065.” **88 points View from the Cellar**; John Gilman - Issue #103 January/February 2023.

