

Fuente Elvira 2005



Barrel Fermented

Winery: Bodegas Pedro Escudero

Region: Rueda D.O.

Grapes: 100% Verdejo

Winery: For several generations now, the Escudero family has been the heir to a line of winegrowers who are enthusiasts of their land, customs and traditions regarding the cultivation of the vines. 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.

D.O. The wines from Rueda won wide renown in the 1700's thanks to clarification using local clay which made the wines especially clear and long lived. Rioja producer Marques de Riscal started a new venture in the area in 1972 engendering a start of new plantings and focus on quality leading to D.O. status being granted in 1980.

Wine: 2003 was the first vintage for an oak aged wine with Fuente Elvira. This third vintage shows exceptional integration of creamy oak flavors along with the pungent citrus aromas of Verdejo. This wine was fermented and aged in 80% new French and 20% used American oak with a further 6 months in oak after fermentation

Reviews:

Medium gold-colored, it offers lovely aromas of apricot, peach, and honey with a hint of vanilla in the background. This is followed by a round wine with a viscous texture, nearly sweet fruit, excellent depth and a lengthy, fruity finish. The oak treatment seems to have fleshed out this outstanding wine without being obtrusive. Drink it over the next 1-2 years."

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