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Valbuena 5° Imperial 2017
Vega Sicilia - 600 cl. (Imperial)



This wine is as prestigious as its big brother Unico, although its blend is slightly different. It is named after the village where the estate lies. The vines are at least 20 years old.

Vinification
The grapes are harvested by night and quickly put in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks. The wine follows the same ageing process as the Unico, first in vats and then in French and American oak barrels for one year, then in vats again, then in bottles for one or two years. The Valbuena is released only after 5 years.

Storage potential
.Drink as from : 2025
Best moment : 2032-2036
Until : 2043

To serve
Serve at 18°C after decanting (at least during the first 7 years after bottling).

Trial analysis
All Vega Sicilia wines combine concentration and elegance, intensity and typicity of the grape; complexity and length. Valbuena is a lite bit more open and accessible than Unico and Reserva Especial, which are almost esoteric. It is a powerful wine, well structured, well balanced and complete; a fine touch of acidity - typical of Tempranillo - gives it a fresh backbone. Give it some years to ripen.

Wine style:
Continental, elegant gourmet wine

Assembly
Tinta de Toro (94%), Merlot (6%)

Region:
Castilla y León

Appellation:
D.O. Ribera del Duero

Wine estate:
Vega Sicilia

Description domain

Spain’s most celebrated wine estate, with a rich history Famous for producing one of the most long-living wines in the world.