

CASTRO VENTOSA VALTUILLE 'VINO DE VILLA '

2019

Country

Spain

Region

Bierzo

Varietal

85% Mencia
10% Alicante Bouschet
5% Field blend

Winemaker

Raul Pérez & César Márquez

Alcohol Content

13%

Total Sulfur

No data

pH

No data

Acidity

No data

HISTORY

Atop the hill overlooking the village of Valtuille de Abajo lies the ancient Roman fortification of the Castro Ventosa or *Windy Castle*. Since 1752, the Perez family has owned and farmed vineyards around the ancient ruin and has taken its name for their vineyard domain. While the wines have been spectacular for generations, since 2018 Raúl Pérez has been working alongside nephew César Márquez resulting in wines of even greater finesse, delicacy and purity.

For César Márquez, who likes 2018, thinks 2019 is more serious, keeping the freshness (perhaps with more structure), a more complete year. This is the first year to have the new official category on the label: *Vino de Villa* (Wine Advocate - January 2022)

VINIFICATION and MATURATION

Hand-harvested over the course of 2 weeks. 40% whole cluster, 60% de-stemmed. Grapes are then gently pressed; each paraje fermented respectively into 225l & 500l neutral and new oak foudre before assemblage. Indigenous yeasts. Bottled in June 2021. Total production 1,000cs.

VINEYARD



Blend of tree parajes: Villegas, El Val and La Rata (adjacent to Rapolao). All 100-year old bush vines all planted to soils rich in clay with sandy-stone top soils.

TASTING NOTES



This is the new focus of the winery; it's a very serious red, with volume and depth. It has the grainy mouthfeel from the stems. It has more structure and ripeness but with great balance and moderate alcohol, really representing the village and the year. (Wine Advocate - January 2022)

FOOD PAIRING



Steak au poivre, charcuterie, wild boar, turkey and mushroom fricassée.



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