

CASTRO VENTOSA VALTUILLE 'VINO DE VILLA '

2020

Country
Spain

Region
Bierzo

Varietal
85% Mencia
10% Alicante Bouschet
5% Field blend

Winemaker
Raul Pérez & César Márquez

Alcohol Content
13.5%

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.

2020 reflects the warmer year with a little higher alcohol and rounder palate with mellow acidity and tender mouthfeel.

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VINIFICATION and MATURATION

Hand-harvested over the course of 2 weeks. 30% whole cluster, 70% de-stemmed. Grapes are then gently pressed; each paraje fermented respectively into 225l & 500l neutral and new oak foudre. Aged 1 year before assemblage. Indigenous yeasts. Bottled in February 2022. Total production 833cs.

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



There's still a whiff of oak from the élevage here, and the wine shows the rounder character of the year, with a juicy palate and a dusty mouthfeel with slightly more rustic tannins.

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FOOD PAIRING



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



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