



Cuatro Rayas, Longverdejo, Gran Vino de Rueda, DO Rueda, Spain, 2022

Producer Profile

With a history of winemaking dating back to 1935, Cuatro Rayas are leaders in their craft.

Producing almost 20% of all the Spanish Whites in DO Rueda. Now, the community of winemakers making up Cuatro Rayas now reaches over 300 members, totalling 2400 hectares of land under vine including ungrafted 120-year-old prephylloxera bush vines. They have worked hard to develop their own "Green & Social" sustainability programme to protect the environment and local communities as well joining with the University of León to help research the genetic diversity of indigenous grape varieties and the ageing capacity of Verdejo.

Viticulture

Vineyards are in the regions of Segovia and Valladolid and the vines chosen are from a selection of some of the oldest goblet-trained Verdejo vines of at least 40 years old, with some being 80 and 100 years old. Harvest is in early September, with manual picking into 300kg crates.

Winemaking

Sorted on a vibrating selection table straight from the refrigerator, then pressed. Fermentation and ageing in stainless steel vats, egg-shaped concrete vats, and 500L French oak barrels with different toasting levels. A single coupage of 12,984 bottles, where the unique characteristics of the Verdejo from DO Rueda are enhanced. Aged on its fine lees for eight months, with a daily bâtonnage for three months.

Tasting Note

This wine portrays the evident character of the areas and the old vineyards from which it is produced—some being pre-phyloxera. Green-tinged yellow in colour this special Verdejo has a complex nose of stone fruit, flat peach and apricot, white flowers, fennel, and some minerality. All of them combined with tertiary hints of dough, nuts and spice resulting from the oak ageing. An intense and complex palate, full of tension, making it softer and longer despite its full body, with saline hints.

Food Matching

Mushroom risotto, pan fried seabass and paella.



Product code: 5816

Technical Details

Varieties:

Verdejo 100%



ABV: 12.5%

Colour: White

Style: Still wine

Case Size: 6 x 75cl

Oak Ageing

Time: 8 Months

Type: French 500 Litre

% wine oaked: 30

% new oak: 30

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