

Mantel Blanco Verdejo 2021 (White Wine)



Appellation	Rueda D.O.
Grapes	100% Verdejo from estate grapes 30 years old from Pago de la Serna vineyard
Altitude / Soil	770 meters / alluvial soils composed of sand, clay and pebbles
Farming Methods	Traditional methods / Sustainable agriculture
Harvest	Machine-picked at night
Production	Grapes were destemmed and underwent an overnight cold maceration with skins prior to pressing, fermented in stainless steel tank
Aging	Aged for a few months on fine lees prior to bottling
UPC / SCC / Pack Size	8413498111011 / 8413498111097 / 12

Reviews:

"This outstanding example of Verdejo from Rueda is showing beautifully at this point in early August of the year following when the grapes were harvested — which is exactly when we need outstanding Verdejo. At once opulent and racy, it combines impressive concentration and ripe (even tropical) fruit aromas and flavors, but they are very effectively counterbalanced by bright citrus notes and acidity. The effect is a bit uncanny, as it really shouldn't be possible for a wine to be both opulent and racy, but tasting is believing. To be clear, this doesn't have the palate weight of, say, Semillon, but it isn't far off, and it isn't as racy as Sauvignon Blanc (including that from this excellent producer), but again, it is close in that respect too. One more thing: I still had one bottle of this same wine from 2020 in my cellar, and cracked it to taste alongside this 2021. The 2020 is still delicious, and though I prefer the 2021 at this moment, the stability of the 2020 shows that you can buy the 2021 now and enjoy it for many months ahead — well past August and into oyster season when things turn cold again."

92 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz - August 2, 2022

"Mantel Blanco's 2021 Verdejo "Sobre Lías" is also a terrific wine, with loads of complexity on both the nose and palate, but not quite the same flashiness of the estate's sauvignon blanc bottling. The deep and complex bouquet offers up scents of pear, white lilies, salty soil tones, raw almond, green olive and wild fennel. On the palate the wine is vibrant, full bodied and impeccably balanced, with a good core, fine focus and grip and a long, zesty finish. This is a lovely bottle of Verdejo that has the capacity to gain complexity with some bottle age.2022-2030."

91+ points View from the Cellar; John Gilman – Issue #98 March/April 2022

"Very pale in color with soft green highlights, this wine offers a bouquet of papaya and lychee. It has flavors of pineapple, ripe nectarine and white flowers with a splash of Valencia orange on the finish."

89 points Wine Enthusiast; Mike Desimone - June/July 2022

