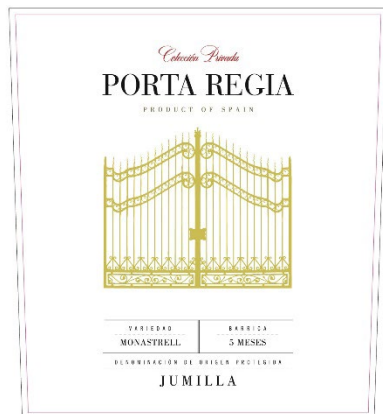


Porta Regia Monastrell 5 Meses 2020 (red wine)



Bodegas Sierra Norte has over 50 hectares of bush vine Monastrell planted in warm and arid Jumilla Denomination of Origin. Their original planting date to 1958. They reduce grape yields and are engaged in increasing biologic diversity and improving soil structure. They firmly believe that these efforts will yield balanced wines which will more clearly express their local environment. The winery converted all of their vineyards to organic growing methods in 2012 but are not currently seeking certification.

"Our wines are the fruit of teamwork, a unique location and a commitment to the indigenous grapes of the Mediterranean."

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| Appellation | D.O. Jumilla |
| Grapes | 100% Monastrell, from 35-year-old, organically farmed, estate grown bush vines |
| Altitude / Soil | 625 meters / limestone, poor in organic matter and low salinity |
| Farming Methods | Practicing Organic |
| Harvest | Hand harvested |
| Production | Pre-fermentative maceration at 60 F for 4 days and then fermented in stainless steel vats for 8 days at 74 F |
| Aging | Aged for 5 months in 70% American oak and 30% French oak barrels, all second fill |
| UPC / SCC / Pack | 858973002459 // 12 |

Reviews:

"This wine offers a bouquet of black currant and black plum with hints of clove and flint. There are bright flavors of cherry and raspberry, followed by midweight tannins and notes of clove, mint and toffee. Bright fruit and orange zest regain power on into the finish."

91 points Wine Enthusiast; M.D. - June/July 2022

"The 2020 vintage bottling of 5 Meses Barrica from Porto Regia is a really lovely wine. It delivers fine aromatic complexity in its blend of dark berries, smoked meats, lovely spice tones, a fine base of soil tones, woodsmoke, celery seed and just a touch of cedar. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a fine core of fruit, moderate tannins, lovely balance and grip and a long, tasty finish. This comes in at the same 14.5 percent octane as the Old Vines bottling did in 2019 (which I covered a year ago), but it seems fresher and better balanced to me by quite some measure. This is very good wine. 2022-2040."

90 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman - Issue #98 March/April 2022

