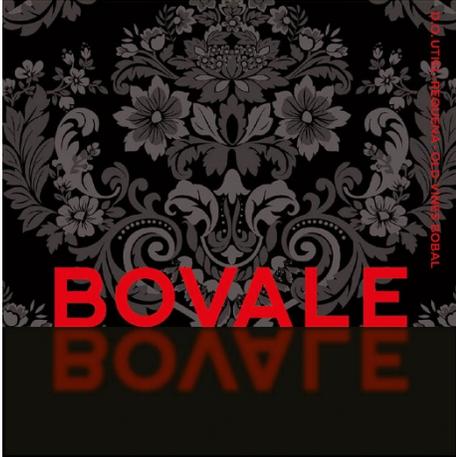


# Bovale 2019 (Red Wine)



Isaac Fernandez Seleccion is a unique collaborative venture between two individuals – Isaac Fernandez one of Spain’s most acclaimed winemakers and Aurelio Cabestrero whose vision and commitment helped bring Spanish wines to the forefront in the United States. They work at rediscovering forgotten regions of superior terroir and maximizing the potential from old vines of indigenous grape varieties in a number of regions.

Bobal is the second most planted red grape in Spain, but is little known. Isaac believes in the potential of the grape to produce fine wine of a quality much higher than its historic use as a blending grape to give tannin and acid to a red blend. In 2011 they bottled their first vintage of *Bovale*, a 100% Bobal named after the ancient Roman name for this grape.

<b>Appellation</b>	Utiel-Requena D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Bobal, from 50-60 year old vines
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	925 meters / broken, brown limestone with high proportion of marine fossils
<b>Farming Methods</b>	In transition from traditional methods to sustainable; dry farmed
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested fruit
<b>Production</b>	Destemmed grapes were fermented with native microbes in stainless steel tanks
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 6 months in used, 70% French and 30% American oak barrels
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8-437012-498044 / 8-437012-498051 / 12

## Reviews:

“This very, very strong value wine shows the hearty honesty of the Bobal variety sourced from older vines in the area inland from Valencia, quite deftly rendered by winemaker Isaac Fernandez. Really just medium-bodied but packed with delicious flavors recalling dark plums and mulberries, it is rounded in texture and very inviting either as a stand-alone sipper or a partner for an especially wide range of dishes, thanks to its very well integrated acidity and tannin. No kidding, you could easily enjoy this with grilled salmon or just as easily with lamb chops. Great juice, deftly vinified.”

**90 points** *Wine Review Online*; Michael Franz – Issue: December 1, 2020

