

# Bovale 2015



**Winery:** Isaac Fernandez Seleccion

**Region:** Utiel-Requena D.O.

**Grapes:** 100% Bobal

**Winery:** Isaac Fernandez Seleccion is the newest venture of the famous winemaker, Isaac Fernandez, who has spent more than 25 years producing some of the best wines in Northern Spain. He seeks to respect the identity of each vineyard and to nurture wines that balance power, finesse and purity with the capacity to age. power, finesse and purity with the capacity to age.

**Wine:** The name Bovale comes from the Latin word for shape of the Bobal grape bunch, similar to a bull's head. Bobal is known to have one of the highest levels of anthocyanin (color) of any red wine grape.

This wine is produced from vines aged 60 years and older. They are planted to mainly flat vineyards, at high elevations with the vines growing in brown limestone and clay soils. Vines are trained to wires to allow optimal control of ripening.

Grapes were hand harvested and brought to the winery. After destemming the grapes underwent alcoholic and malo-lactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Following fermentation the wine was aged for 6 months in a combination of 70% French oak and 30% American oak barrels.

## Reviews:

“(aged in 70 percent French and 30 percent American oak barrels) Glass-staining ruby. Ripe red and blue fruit aromas, accompanied by a cracked pepper nuance and a subtle floral note that builds in the glass. Fleshy and broad in the mouth, showing good depth to the cassis, bitter cherry and dark chocolate flavors. The peppery note returns on the finish, which clings with good tenacity and chewy tannic grip. 2018 - 2022”

**89 points** *Vinous* New Releases from Spain Part 1 January 2017



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