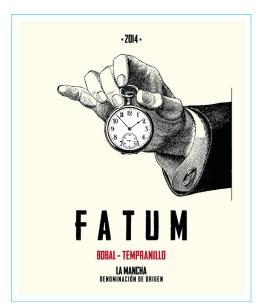
Fatum Red 2014



Winery: Manuel Manzaneque Suarez

Region: La Mancha D.O.

Grapes: 50% Tempranillo 50% Bobal

Winery: After working for 10 years with his father at the eponymous estate in La Mancha, Manuel Manzaneque Suarez has started both consulting for other wineries and his own project, ¡Ea!. The project is focused on old vine Cencibel (Tempranillo) from La Mancha, one of the regions with the best price to quality ratios in the world. He only sources fruit from old vineyards that offer excellent raw material. In 2013, the Manuel Manzaneque Suarez portfolio expanded to include two new wines. Using the same philosophy, vines, and autochthonous varieties of grapes, Manuel created the brand Fatum, meaning Destiny or Fate.

Wine: The Fatum red wine is 50% Bobal and 50% Tempranillo, a varietal blend typical of the eastern regions of Spain. Elaborated using grapes carefully chosen for balance and acidity, and harvested at the optimal ripeness. The fruit was sourced from low yielding, 30 year old vineyards. These vines are farmed in a traditional/sustainable manner with practically no chemical input. All fruit was hand harvested and destemmed prior to a 4 day cold soak to increase aromas and color in the finished wine. The wine was then fermented in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks.

Reviews: "Bright violet color. Lively redcurrant and cherry on the nose and palate, with a mineral nuance emerging as the wine opens in the glass. Conveys good depth and focus without any excess fat; a spicy note contributes back-end cut. Notes of fresh red berries and spices carry through a zesty, gently tannic finish that's sharpened by juicy acidity."

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"The bottling of Fatum from Manuel Manzaneque Suárez is a fifty-fifty blend of Tempranillo and Bobal that is fermented and raised in stainless steel tanks prior to bottling. The 2014 vintage comes in at a very reasonable 13.5 percent octane and offers up a fine nose of red and black cherries, woodsmoke, sandy soil tones, a bit of tree bark and lovely upper register botanicals that recall top flight Montepulciano. On the palate the wine is medium-full, bright and well-balanced, with an impressive core of fruit, modest tannins and very good length and grip on the complex finish that again closes with a nice note of botanicals. There is a very nice interplay here between sweet fruit and a closing note of bitterness that again recalls several different wines from Italy. The 2014 Fatum has lovely purity and personality and really is a great bargain. 2016-2025."

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