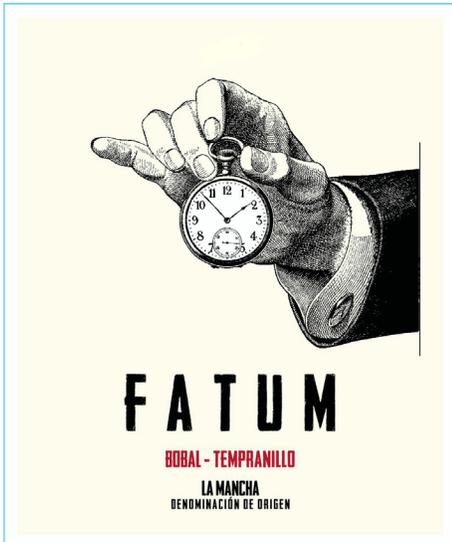


Fatum Tempranillo Bobal 2016 (red)



Winery: Manuel Manzaneque Suarez

Region: La Mancha D.O.

Grapes: 90% Tempranillo, 10% 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 90% Tempranillo and 10% Bobal, 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:

No reviews for the 2016 yet. Reviews for the 2015 vintage below.

“(all stainless steel) Vivid red. Aromas and flavors of fresh red berries and candied flowers slowly develop a peppery nuance. Smooth and weightless in style, picking up an exotic and refreshingly bitter orange zest note on the back half. Closes silky and taut, showing good cling, no obvious tannins and a lingering suggestion of candied strawberry. 2017 - 2021”

89 points *Vinous Media* January 2017

“The 2015 Fatum offers up a lovely and quite complex bouquet of black cherries, a touch of chicory, roasted game, lovely, sandy soil tones, smoky overtones and just a touch of tree bark in the upper register. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, focused and nicely plump at the core, with modest tannins, tangy acids and excellent length and grip on the well-balanced finish. Bobal often finishes with just a touch of backend bitterness that recalls top-end Montepulciano, and there is just a whisper of this on the finish here. This is another absolutely stellar value! 2017-2027.”

89+ points *View from the Cellar* January/February 2017



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