

Mantel Blanco Verdejo 2020 (White Wine)



Appellation	Rueda D.O.
Grapes	100% Verdejo from estate grapes 30 years old from Pago de la Serna vineyard
Altitude / Soil	770 meters / alluvial soils composed of sand, clay and pebbles
Farming Methods	Traditional methods / Sustainable agriculture
Harvest	Machine-picked at night
Production	Grapes were destemmed and underwent an overnight cold maceration with skins prior to pressing, fermented in stainless steel tank
Aging	Aged for a few months on fine lees prior to bottling
UPC / SCC / Pack	8413498111011 / 8413498111097 / 12

Reviews: “This is exceptionally good Verdejo, a variety can make very refreshing but also characterful wines from the Rueda region in the northwest of Castilla y León. There are several “exceptional” aspects to its excellence, including unusually impressive palate weight and a generously rounded mouthfeel. Indeed, the sheer density of the wine and its vivid fruitiness made me wonder if there’s a bit of residual sugar left after the fermentation, but that is a question based on texture rather than any sugary flavor or aftertaste. Also impressive is the total absence of any sulfurous scents, which are evident in quite a few lesser examples of this wine category. This house also makes a stellar Sauvignon Blanc that is a bit more edgy; buy this if you favor a bit more richness.”

93 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz – April 6, 2021 – “*Today’s Featured Wine*”

“Light, bright straw. Meyer lemon, melon, white peach and a hint of succulent herbs on the perfumed nose. Silky and energetic in the mouth, offering focused citrus and pit fruit flavors that show good depth and back-end cut. The floral quality repeats on a long, lively finish sharpened by a jolt of juicy acidity. 2021-2023”

90 points Vinous; Josh Raynolds – July 6, 2021 *Central Spain Additions*

“The 2020 Verdejo “Sobre Lias” from Mantel Blanco is produced from thirty year-old vines and fermented and raised in stainless steel tanks. The wine offers up a ripe and vibrant bouquet of fresh lime, casaba melon, a lovely touch of green olive, a fine base of minerality, sea salts and a topnote of wild fennel. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and complex, with lovely mid-palate depth, fine focus and grip, good acids and a long, very nicely balanced finish. This is fairly ripe, as 2020 was a warm summer, so I would opt for drinking this over the next few years. It is also bottled under a synthetic cork of some brand, so it is probably better to enjoy it over the near-term. But, it will deliver plenty of enjoyment over the coming few years. 2021- 2024.”

89 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman - Issue #91 January/February 2021

