

Mantel Blanco Verdejo 2023 (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 Size	8413498111011 / 8413498111097 / 12

Reviews:

"I wonder whether reviewers put a "ceiling" on the scores they will accord to white varieties such as Albariño, Sauvignon Blanc and Verdejo, whether subconsciously (to avoid seeming out-of-step with other critics) or consciously (because these wines really aren't made to be cellared for many years to benefit from the magic of tertiary development). Be that as it may, this is terrific white wine, balancing serious density with excellent freshness and linear "drive" while also offering impressive complexity without the pungency that can make similarly styled, high-end Sauvignon Blancs difficult to match successfully with a wide range of foods. This could be sipped on its own with great pleasure, but could likewise stand up to a grilled fish steak or a rotisserie chicken, and there's no need to take a pork or veal chop out of the conversation. Very few newly-released white wines can measure up to this for versatility — or sheer deliciousness."

93 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz Jun 11, 2024;

"The Verdejo for Mantel Blanco comes from the estate's own vineyards in Pago de la Serna at 770m, all managed sustainably. Vinified in stainless steel, it is a fresh and lively Verdejo but with some concentration and palate weight from an extended time on lees. It is a very pure expression of both the stony nature of the vineyard and the variety with intense grassy notes and zippy citrus fruits. 2024-27"

92 points Tim Atkin MW; Tim Atkin 92 - March 2023

"The 2023 Verdejo Mantel Blanco bottling is crafted from older vines, as these vineyards are now more than thirty years-old and the grapes are again, picked at night to keep up acidity levels. The wine offers up a lovely nose of gooseberry, limepeel, salty soil tones, orange blossoms and a topnote of gentle grassiness. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and complex, with a good core, lovely soil inflection and grip, a fine girdle of acidity and a long, poised and very nicely balanced finish. I always think of Rueda Verdejo as the Sancerre of Spain and this certainly seems like an appropriate moniker for the lovely 2023 Mantel Blanco bottling. 2024- 2030."

90 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman -Issue #109 January/February 2024.

