



VEGA SICILIA UNICO 2006

£472.00

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Vega Sicilia is widely regarded as Spain's most prestigious wine estate and the benchmark for Ribera del Duero. Founded in 1864, the property introduced Bordeaux varieties such as Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec to the region, alongside Spain's signature grape, Tinto Fino (Tempranillo). This pioneering approach laid the foundation for a style that combines local character with international sophistication.

The flagship wines are Unico and Unico Reserva Especial - the former is aged for 10 years before release while the latter is a blend of only the finest vintages. Valbuena 5 is the estate's 'entry level' wine, a five year aged Tempranillo. Alongside Vega Sicilia, the same team also manage Bodegas Alion in Ribera del Duero and Bodegas Pintia in Toro.

2006 Vineyard Cycle

Winter was particularly cold, including winter frost, frequent rain and snow at the end of February. Budding took place the third week of April due to the rise in temperature.

Spring registered normal rainfall but abnormally high temperatures which brought forward showers the first week of April. There were cold nights at the end of May, beginning of June, though, fortunately the plant did not suffer significant damage.

High temperatures continued along throughout June leading to an early flowering. Summer was normal with the beginning of budding the second week of August. High temperatures on the last two weeks of August and first week of September provoked early ripening in some plots, starting harvest September 9th. Showers in mid-September delayed the rest of the harvest reaching a well-balanced ripeness and tremendous sanity.

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"Incredibly floral and beautiful with dark berry, spice, cedar and mint. Chinese plums. Asian spices. Bark. Tea. Full body, dense and so soft and complex. The finish goes on for minutes. Endless and fine. January 2018 release. This reminds me of the gorgeous 1991 or 1964. Drink forever. A wine that you want to spend time with."
James Suckling, [JamesSuckling.com](https://www.jamesuckling.com), July 2017.
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