



VEGA SICILIA UNICO RESERVA ESPECIAL

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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.

The NV Único Reserva Especial 2026 Release was produced with a blend of wines from 2011, 2012 and 2014, similar vintages to 2025, with wine from 2014 instead of 2013 this time, mostly Tinto Fino with some Cabernet Sauvignon. It has the customary 14.5% alcohol, a pH of 3.86 and 4.8 grams of acidity. They are trying to use older wines for this blend, the 2011 and 2012 are the same, and 2014 was a better vintage than 2013. This is a blending exercise in search of the Vega Sicilia character, with complexity, the older wines providing nuance and elegance and the younger wines adding freshness. This has a magnificent palate, sleek, polished and elegant, with fine-grained tannins. A total of 18,618 bottles and 264 magnums were produced. It was bottled in May 2022. Drink 2027-2043.

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