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Basa 2020

Rueda, Spain

ESTATE

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WINE

Basa is one of the pioneering wines to show the expression of a grape variety, the "Verdejo" that adapted to a continental climate, giving rise to a direct, fresh and expressive wine. This refreshing blend of the native varieties Verdejo and Viura from Rueda has, year after year, been named one of Spain's and the world's value white wines. The intense floral aromatics, freshness and wonderful texture are the result of the high elevation plantings in lime and gravel soils, with good drainage. The wine derives its name from its red counterpart Baso, itself named after the country's ancient "baso" (gobelet)-shaped bush vines.

VINEYARD

The fruit for Basa is sourced from different areas of the Rueda DO – La Seca, Serrada, Pozeldez and Foncastin. Soils: Gravel from fluvial terraces, erosion slopes and glacia.

Farming: All suppliers practice sustainable farming. Vine training is a mixture of bush vine and cordon

WINEMAKING

Variety: 90% Verdejo, 10% Viura

Fermentation: Fermentation and maturation takes place in INOX stainless steel tanks for several months and is bottled in January following the harvest.

Alcohol: 12.5%

VINTAGE

2020 was a difficult vintage due to an enormous pressure of powdery mildew. Yields had already been affected by millerandage during flowering, and the fungus reduced the crop even further. In contrast, the overall quality of the vintage was very high, offering richer wines with good acidity.

TASTING NOTE

Bright straw with flints of green in color. Floral and herbaceous on the nose with aromas of lime and pear. Fresh, fruity and juicy on the palate with excellent citrus freshness and mouth filling flavors of apple, peaches and plums.