

# Blanco Nieva Sauvignon Blanc 2016



**Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:**  
None yet

**Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:**  
2014: 90 points - Vinous  
2013: 89 points – Int'l Wine Cellar  
2010: 86 points – The Wine Advocate  
2008: 89 points – The Wine Advocate  
88 points – Wine & Spirits  
2007: 90 Points – Wine & Spirits  
2006: 85 Points – Wine Spectator

**Bodegas Vinedos de Nieva de Martue** – In 1989 Jose Maria Herrero acquired 135 acres of verdejo and 12 acres of Sauvignon Blanc vineyards that had been neglected for many years. The vineyards varied in age up to 150 years old. In 2007 the Martue family purchased the bodega and all of the vineyards. Manuel Gonzalez brings all of his youthful enthusiasm to the bodega and has upgraded the bodega with all of the latest technological advancements. The bodega is located in the small village of Nieva in the southern portion of Rueda.

**Vineyards** – The bodega is known in the region for its vineyards, many of which are up to 150 years old. All of the grapes the bodega uses are estate grown, but they only use their top 35% for their wines. They sell the remaining 65% to other bodegas in the region.

**Tasting notes:** Light straw color. Fresh herbs, mineral, citrus, and tropical (lemon and pear) fruit aromas and flavors. Well balanced, between a European (slightly grassy) and a New Zealand (moderate tropical fruit) style Sauvignon Blanc.

**Imported since:** 1994

**Appellation:** Rueda

**Composition:** Sauvignon Blanc

**Soil:** almost entirely sand with lots of river stones

**Elevation:** 2800 feet

**Vineyard practice:** dry farming, organic without certification

**Vine Age:** more than 20 years average

**Yield:** 2.98 tons per acre by hand with a selection table

**Harvest Dates:** September 23 to 24

**Fermentation:** 20 days in small stainless steel tanks at 55 to 58 degrees F with wild (also referred to as indigenous or natural) yeast

**Aging:** none

**pH:** 3.36

**Residual Sugar:** 2.1 grams per liter

**Alcohol:** 11.5%

**UPC:** 7 50428 12207 4

**Region:** Most of the white wine in Spain is produced near the coast where the per capita seafood consumption is the highest in Europe and second internationally only to Japan. However, Rueda is in the middle of Spain and only white wines are produced in Rueda. Most of the bodegas in Rueda are in the northern portion of Rueda where the soil is mostly clay, but all of the pictures of the vineyards in the literature are taken in the southern portion where the soil is nearly entirely sand.