

Blanco Nieva Sauvignon Blanc 2017



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 8 to 9

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: 12.0%

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.