

Dos 2012



Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:

89 Points – Wine Enthusiast

Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:

2009: 86 Points – Wine Advocate

2007: 91 Points – Wine Enthusiast

2006: 88 Points – Wine Advocate

2004: 91 Points – Wine Advocate

90 Points – Wine & Spirits

Bodegas Rafael Cambra – Rafael Cambra's family owns a nursery where they grow and sell vine stocks to many famous bodegas throughout Spain. Rafael studied and apprenticed in oenology in France. Rafael started his small boutique bodega when he discovered a vineyard with 40 year old Monastrell vines. His bodega is still and probably will always remain very small. Rafael spends nearly all of his time in his vineyards and in his laboratory where he experiments with different grapes and innovative blends. His first wine was his 2001 vintage of Uno (or 'One'), which was made entirely from Monastrell. A few years later he released his second wine, Dos (or 'Two'), produced from a 50-50 blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Minimum (which stands for 'minimum human intervention') is Rafael's third wine. Rafael will produce several other wines at a later date.

Vineyards – In addition to having old vineyards in a dry climate that produce low yields, Rafael does up to 3 green harvests each year, where he removes any grape clusters that are not healthy. These green harvests enable the remaining healthy grapes to receive an increased percentage of the nutrients from the vine.

Tasting notes – Bright ruby color. Cherry, cassis, dark chocolate, and coconut aromas. Smooth and round with black and blue fruit flavors that finish with a slight peppery note.

Appellation: Valencia

Composition: 50% Cabernet Sauvignon, 50% Cabernet Franc

Soil: mixture with limestone, sand, and stones (on top)

Elevation: 2170 feet

Vineyard practice: dry farming, organic and biodynamic without certification

Vine Age: 25 years

Yield: 1.19 tons per acre

Harvest Dates: September 28 with a selection table

Fermentation: 15 days in small stainless steel tanks at 77 degrees F with wild (same as indigenous or natural) yeast

Aging: 8 months in American oak and 10 months in the bottle

pH: 3.6

Residual Sugar: 2.3 grams per liter

Alcohol: 14 %

UPC: 7 50428 20077 2

Region: Valencia, located in eastern Spain on the Mediterranean coast, is the name of the city, the province, the region, and the demarcated wine region. The vineyards along the coast at a lower altitude have a Mediterranean climate, and the vineyards inland at a higher altitude, including those for Bodegas Rafael Cambra, have a continental climate with hot summers, cold winters, and wide temperature variations between day and night.