

# El Bon Homme 2015



## Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:

88 points – Wine Enthusiast

## Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:

2013: 89 points – I – Wine Review

2012: 92 points – Wine Spectator

92 points – Wine & Spirits

2010: 87 points – Wine Enthusiast

2009: 86 points – Wine Advocate

2008: 89 points – Wine Advocate

89 points – Wine Enthusiast

**Bodegas Rafael Cambra** – Rafael Cambra's family owns a nursery where they grow and sell vine stocks to many famous bodegas. Rafael studied oenology in France and started his small boutique bodega when he discovered a 40 year old Monastrell vineyard. His bodega 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. El Bon Homme is a special project that Rafael does for a personal Canadian friend, Maria Bon Homme.

**El Bon Homme** – The front label has 3 slightly different versions based on an old Spanish story where a good man, 'El Bon Homme', has 3 sensations: feeling, imagining, and traveling. Each of the 3 slightly different variations of the front label (the button is in a different location) on the 12 bottles of each case correspond to the 3 sensations the good man is having.

**Tasting notes:** Dark red color. Juicy acidity with light yet firm tannins. Focused and balanced with black cherry, licorice, mineral, and smoke flavors. Intense yet with a soft finish.

**Imported since:** 2006

**Appellation:** Valencia

**Composition:** 20% Monastrell, 40% Cabernet Sauvignon, 40% Cabernet Franc

**Soil:** mixed with a high concentration of limestone, sand, and stones

**Elevation:** 2230 feet

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

**Vine Age:** 25 years

**Yield:** 1.4 tons per acre

**Harvest Dates:** September 28 by hand with a selection table

**Fermentation:** 12 days in small stainless steel tanks at 75 degrees F with wild (also referred to as indigenous or natural) yeast

**Aging:** 4 months in 2 – 3 year old French oak and 4 months in the bottle

**pH:** 3.5

**Residual Sugar:** 2.0 grams per liter

**Alcohol:** 14 %

**UPC:** 7 50428 21217 1

**Region:** Valencia is located in eastern Spain on the Mediterranean coast. Valencia is the name of the city, the province, and the demarcated wine region. Valencia was the largest shipping port for Spanish wines being exported for many years. 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 during the summer.