

# Minimum 2004



## **Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:**

92 Points – Wine Enthusiast

88 Points – Wine Advocate

## **Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:**

2003: 92 Points – Wine Advocate

91 Points – Wine Enthusiast

**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 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. After creating his first two wines, Uno (or 'One') and Dos (or 'Two'), Rafael wanted to create a wine that would be free of any human intervention. Hence, Minimum (which stands for 'minimum human intervention') was born. Minimum is produced only in excellent vintage years and in very small cuvees.

**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.

**Imported since:** 2006

**Appellation:** Valencia

**Composition:** 70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 30% Cabernet Franc

**Soil:** high concentration of sand, stones, and limestone

**Elevation:** 2600 feet

**Vineyard practice:** sustainable farming

**Vine Age:** 55 years for Monastrell, 13 years for Cabernet Franc

**Yield:** 0.4 tons per acre

**Harvest Dates:** September 18

**Fermentation:** 28 days in French oak barrels with natural yeast

**Aging:** 16 months in 1 yr French oak casks / 18 months bottle

**pH:** 3.50

**Residual Sugar:** dry

**Alcohol:** 14.5 %

**UPC:** 7 50428 20067 3

**Region:** Valencia is located in eastern Spain on the Mediterranean coast. Valencia is the name of the city, the province, the region, 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.