

Minimum 2005



Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:
89 Points – Wine Advocate

Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:
2004: 92 Points – Wine Enthusiast
88 Points – Wine Advocate
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. Rafael studied oenology in France and started his small boutique bodega when he discovered a 40 year old Monastrell vineyard. His bodega is 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.

Tasting notes: Opaque purple color. Cedar, black current, and blueberry aromas. Medium to full body. Initial palate of spicy blue fruits going into sweet fruit in mid palate. Long, soft finish.

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: October 18

Fermentation: 28 days in French oak barrels with natural yeast

Aging: 16 months in 1 year in French oak casks and 18 months in the bottle

pH: 3.55

Residual Sugar: 2.3 grams / liter

Alcohol: 14.7 %

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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.