

BELA CRIANZA

2022

Bela's label is a facsimile of one of C.V.N.E's label from 1910.

The stars represent the children of C.V.N.E's founder, Eusebio Real de Asúa.

His brother Raimundo, the other founder, had no descendants. Each star represents one of the children: Sofia, Áurea, and Ramón. Sofia was known as Bela.



Type of wine: Crianza

Region of production: Ribera del Duero

Year: 2022

Bela vintage rating: Very good

Grape varieties: 100% tinta del país (Tempranillo)

Type of bottle: Bordeaux

Bottle size: 75cl.,

Crianza: 12 months in French oak barrels

Alcoholic volume: 14.2%

pH: 3.68

SO₂ Free/Total: 32/80

Total Polyphenols Index: 68

Total acidity: 4.8

Volatile acidity: 0.54

Suitable for vegans



The vineyard

Bela Crianza is made from carefully selected grapes grown in our own vineyards in Villalba de Duero, located at over 800 metres above sea level. The vines are planted on silty clay-limestone soils and benefit from a distinctly continental climate, characterised by sharp seasonal contrasts. These conditions contribute to slow, balanced ripening and are ideal for producing structured and age-worthy crianza wines.

Winemaking

The grapes were hand-harvested and vinified using traditional methods. Fermentation took place in stainless steel vats following a cold pre-fermentation maceration to enhance aromatic intensity.

The wine was then aged for 12 months in French oak barrels, which allowed it to develop balance, texture, and complexity while preserving its varietal expression.

Vintage / Harvest description

The 2022 vintage was marked by severe drought and intense heatwaves, making it one of the driest and most demanding years in recent memory. These conditions led to an early harvest, around ten days ahead of previous years, which proved essential to avoid over-ripening and to retain freshness and acidity in the grapes.

Despite the extreme weather, the resulting wines show moderate alcohol levels, balanced acidity, and excellent ageing potential. Careful timing and naturally low yields helped preserve the harmony between tannins, acidity, and alcohol, maintaining the elegant structure that defines Bela Crianza.

Tasting notes

Deep garnet in colour, bright and clear in the glass, this 2022 vintage of Bela Crianza immediately signals purity and depth.

The nose is refined yet expressive, offering an elegant interplay between varietal character and barrel ageing. Ripe black fruit—plums, blackberries, and a touch of licorice—are framed by well-integrated oak notes: sweet spices, roasted coffee, gentle smokiness, and a hint of toffee.

On the palate, it is polished and balanced, with a silky texture and supple tannins that glide across the tongue. There's generosity without excess, and structure without rigidity. The finish is persistent and layered, echoing the wine's aromatic complexity with a long, savoury aftertaste.

A poised and versatile red, equally at home alongside grilled meats, rich stews, or aged cheeses.

Serving temperature: 16-18°C.