



BODEGAS
ANGEL RODRÍGUEZ
MARTÍNSANCHO
LA SECA, VALLADOLID • RUEDA

Considered integral to the preservation of Rueda's indigenous Verdejo grape, Martínsancho is a 17th-century vineyard owned and farmed by Angel Rodríguez. Martínsancho is less than an acre of gnarled vines preserved in isolation as a museum of prephylloxera viticulture and as a continuing source of undisputed varietal authenticity.

Whenever we speak of the emergence of Rueda as a prestigious white wine region, we are specifically discussing the popular renaissance of the Verdejo grape. Although among only a small handful of truly noble Spanish white varieties, Verdejo was in danger of extinction by the early 1970s due to pervasive planting of high-yield grapes such as Viura and Palomino which easily yielded higher profits than the shy-bearing, thick-skinned Verdejo.

In 1976, Angel used Martínsancho cuttings to regrafted 25 acres of his finest vineyard, a parcel where the alluvial soil is pure gravel to a depth of over 30 feet – the harsh continental climate and extreme altitude, along with the soil's austere inhospitality to all types of insects and bacteria, allow for completely organic viticulture. ***Sustainable***

MARTÍNSANCHO Verdejo Rueda

From free-run juice, the new wine is racked into large, centuries-old oak vessels in the subterranean winery. The Martínsancho vineyard is dry-farmed and head-pruned, yielding Verdejo with viscosity, an extended finish and a delicate floral nose. Highly extracted, minerally-complex Verdejo with excellent aging capacity – Rueda's perennial hallmark wine!

*Tanzer's IWC: on the 2011 **90 points** "Pale yellow. Vibrant, mineral-inflected aromas and flavors of citrus fruits and green apple, with quinine and white pepper nuances. Dry and racy, offering zesty lift and a long, focused finish. This pure, energetic wine will work with all sorts of seafood dishes or with fresh cheeses."*

*Tanzer's IWC: 2008: **90pts**; 2007: **91pts**; 2006: **91pts***

*Parker's WA: 2010: **90pts**; 2009: **90pts***

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