Vega Sicilia

Crafted from the best of the 2010, 2011, and 2012 vintages, this Reserva Especial offers a multilayered, refined profile designed for both immediate enjoyment and extended cellaring.

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Unico Reserva Especial 2024

Ribera del Duero, Spain

Region and Vineyards

The **Único Reserva Especial 2024** originates from **Finca Vega Sicilia**, located in the prestigious **Ribera del Duero** region. The estate's vineyards cover 210 hectares at an altitude of 700 to 900 meters, benefiting from a continental climate that provides hot summers and cold winters, ideal for optimal ripening. The soils, rich in limestone and clay, contribute to the wine's structure and minerality.

The **Único blend** features **95% Tinto Fino** (a local variant of Tempranillo) and **5% Cabernet Sauvignon**. With an average vineyard age of 36 years and low yields (3,000–3,500 kg per hectare), these vines produce highly concentrated grapes that reflect the distinct terroir. Hand-harvested in small 12 kg crates, each cluster is carefully selected to ensure premium quality.

Winemaking

The **Único Reserva Especial 2024** combines the best qualities of the **2010, 2011, and 2012 vintages**, with each vintage aged separately in both French and American oak barrels before blending. This non-vintage blend is bottled without filtration, ensuring the wine's complexity and integrity.

Designed for longevity, the **2024 Reserva Especial** can be cellared for 40 to 60 years under optimal conditions, at 12-14 °C (54-57 °F) and 60% relative humidity. With an alcohol content of **14%**, the wine demonstrates balanced power and elegance, capturing the iconic style and vision of Vega Sicilia.

Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep garnet with a luminous, dense core.
- **Aroma**: Intense and intricate aromas of blackberries, tobacco, leather, and forest floor, with nuances of cedar, clove, and a hint of graphite.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and complex, with refined tannins and layers of dark fruit, licorice, and earthy minerality. The finish is remarkably long and elegant, marked by hints of spice and a persistent mineral note.

Alcohol :14,50 %

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Did you know?

The **Único Reserva Especial** is a blend of multiple vintages, a tradition that pays homage to Spanish winemaking. Vega Sicilia's meticulous blending process allows the Reserva Especial to express the best characteristics of each vintage while maintaining a consistent and timeless style.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roast Leg of Lamb with Herbs**: The rich tannins and depth of the wine complement the savory flavors of lamb seasoned with rosemary and thyme.
- **Steak with Black Pepper Sauce**: The wine's bold fruit and spice notes pair beautifully with the intensity of a pepper-crusted steak.
- **Aged Iberico Ham**: The savory, nutty flavors of Iberico ham balance the wine's tannic structure and enhance its complexity.
- **Wild Mushroom Risotto**: The earthy flavors of mushrooms complement the wine's mineral and forest floor notes, creating a harmonious pairing.

Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2024)

The NV Único Reserva Especial 2024 Release was produced with a blend of wines from 2010, 2011 and 2012, not that far from the previous release, which was from 2009, 2011 and 2012, as they are slowly trying to increase the average age of the wine. As I've seen in the last few years, they look for a house style from yesteryear, combining more developed characteristics with elegance and freshness. This blend of Tinto Fino with some Cabernet Sauvignon is also lower in alcohol, 14%, with a pH of 3.85 and 5.1 grams of acidity. The color denotes some evolution with a faint orange around the rim. The nose is complex and elegant, a more developed version of the 2014 Único that I tasted next to it, with truffle, forest floor, ripe black fruit, sweet spices, leather and meat. The palate feels quite polished, with a superb texture, sleek and elegant, with very fine tannins, subtle bitterness and a long and lingering taste. This is a superb blending exercise. 18,288 bottles and 272 magnums produced. It was bottled in June 2020.