



Vega Sicilia

Crafted from the best 2009, 2011, and 2012 vintages, Único Reserva Especial 2023 captures decades of excellence in a single blend, creating a wine with depth, elegance, and a long future.



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Ribera del Duero, Spain

Region and Vineyards

The **Ribera del Duero** region, known for its warm, continental climate, is the birthplace of this iconic wine. The Vega Sicilia estate, **Finca Vega Sicilia**, spans 210 hectares and sits at an elevation of 700-900 meters, allowing for a gradual, balanced ripening of the grapes. The estate's **limestone and clay-rich soils** contribute to the wine's minerality and structure, while the altitude and planting density (2,222 vines per hectare) yield grapes of exceptional quality and concentration.

The **Único Reserva Especial** blend is based on **Tinto Fino (94%)** and **Cabernet Sauvignon (6%)**, with vines averaging 36 years of age. The low yields of 3,000-3,500 kg per hectare allow for a greater concentration of flavors. Hand-picked in small 12 kg crates, the grapes are carefully selected to ensure the utmost quality, reflecting Vega Sicilia's commitment to excellence.

Winemaking

This blend represents the best of Vega Sicilia's **Único** vintages, incorporating grapes from **2009, 2011, and 2012**. Each vintage is aged separately in a combination of French and American oak barrels and then combined to create the **Reserva Especial**. The blending process integrates decades of expertise, resulting in a non-vintage wine with the profound complexity of multiple vintages.

The wine is designed for both immediate enjoyment and long-term aging, with the potential to develop over 40 to 60 years when stored in ideal conditions. The use of top vintages ensures that the wine maintains a balance of freshness, structure, and elegance over time, embodying the rich legacy of Vega Sicilia's winemaking.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, vibrant ruby with garnet reflections.
- **Aroma:** Complex aromas of black fruit, dried herbs, and leather, with hints of spice, cedar, and a subtle mineral undertone.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and layered, with flavors of dark cherry, blackberry, and fine tannins. Notes of tobacco, graphite, and clove add depth, while the finish is long, refined, and slightly earthy.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 5% Cabernet
Sauvignon



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Did you know?

The **Único Reserva Especial** is unique in that it is a **non-vintage blend**, created only with the finest vintages in the estate's history. This traditional Spanish approach allows for a consistent style and quality over decades, making each release of Reserva Especial a blend of time, terroir, and expertise.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Rack of Lamb with Rosemary and Thyme:** The savory depth of the lamb and herbs complements the wine's rich tannins and herbal undertones.
- **Slow-Cooked Beef Stew with Mushrooms:** The wine's structure and dark fruit harmonize with the earthy flavors of mushrooms and the tender, robust texture of beef stew.
- **Aged Manchego Cheese:** The nutty, slightly salty profile of aged Manchego pairs beautifully with the wine's depth, creating a classic Spanish pairing.
- **Truffle Risotto:** The creamy richness of truffle risotto is balanced by the wine's acidity and complexity, highlighting its mineral and earthy notes.



Robert Parker (RP) : **97 Points** (2023)

The NV Único Reserva Especial 2023 Release is a blend produced with vintages 2009, 2011 and 2012, in search of a house style. It's a blend of Tinto Fino with some Cabernet Sauvignon with 14% alcohol, a pH of 3.85 and 5.2 grams of acidity (measured in tartaric acid per liter of wine); so, it's a slightly lighter version of Reserva Especial. When in theory they used three warm, ripe and powerful vintages, the blend is not excessively powerful, but the longer élevage has polished that power and delivered a classical and proportioned wine, aromatic, spicy, with the Vega nose and a velvety palate with very fine tannins and great elegance. 18,318 bottles and 233 magnums produced. It was bottled in June 2019.



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