MARQUÉS DE MURRIETA
ESTATES & WINES

Marqués de Murrieta

Castillo Ygay Gran Reserva Especial White

Rioja, Spain
Vintage: 1986

Overview

The Cebrián-Sagarriga family, who in 1983 acquired the Marqués de Murrieta winery, established in 1852, has a distinct winemaking philosophy that is founded in the pursuit of quality and excellence through tradition and innovation.

The Ygay Estate is the biggest contiguous single estate in Rioja with 300 hectaresof vineyards surrounding the winery. The vineyards vary from 320 meters to 485 meters.

Winemaking

The bunches were squashed and then pressed in a vertical wooden double spindle press. Fermentation took place in 18,000-liter wooden vats. The wine is aged in wood for 252 months in 225 litres American oak barriques and concrete for 67 months in a concrete tank. The wine was bottled on January 29th, 2014.

Harvest Notes

Started in the first days of October with a very slow and progressive rhythm, which led to an optimal ripening of the grapes. The viura, the variety with bigger bunches was the first to be picked under perfect maturation, with 13% of alcohol and very high acidity.

Food Pairing

Pairs beautifully with Iberian ham, stuffed capon, and truffled cheeses. Best enjoyed between 57°F and 59°F.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 97% Viura, 3% Malvasia
Aging: 252 months in 225-litre American oak barriques, 67 months in a concrete tank