

Bodegas Bela Ribera del Duero

THE FACTS

COUNTRY: Spain

REGION: Castilla y Leon

APPELLATION: Ribera del Duero

CEPAGE: 95% Tempranillo, 3% Merlot, 2% Cabernet Sauvignon

WINEMAKING: Manually harvested, vinified in stainless steel tanks, with pre-fermentation cold maceration.

ALCOHOL BY VOLUME: 14.0%

AGING: 6 months in new and one-year old oak barrels

THE STORY

Located in the village of Villalba de Duero in the Ribera del Duero appellation, the expertise at Bela is focused on bringing their Rioja elegance to the rugged region.

The winery was built in 1999 with the adjacent 185 acres of vineyards planted in 2002 at an altitude of 2674 feet above sea level, in soil that is mostly calcerous clay and sand. The 'Bela' label is a replica of one of CVNE's original labels from 1910. The stars represent the three children of CVNE's founder, Eusebio Real de Asúa. His daughter, Sofia, was known as Bela.

THE ADJECTIVES

OVERALL: Complex & Earthy

AROMAS / FLAVORS: Red & black fruits, floral notes, vanilla, clove

MOUTHFEEL: Full & Silky

THE SELLING POINTS

AWARDS: 92pts Wine Advocate, 91pts Wine Spectator

SUSTAINABILITY: Vegan

PAIRINGS: Try with lamb, grilled meats, or aged cheese.

