

## UTIEL REQUEÑA

**VERA DE ESTENAS**  
**PARAJE LA CABEZUELA**


**OVERVIEW** | Vera de Estenas wines are produced in the varied terroir of the Utiel Requena region. The temperatures in the vineyards are extreme, with scorching hot days and freezing nights. Soil quality varies as well, but it proves to be suitable for making high quality wines. Their wines are composed mainly of Bobal a local grape indigenous to this region.

**VINEYARD AREA:** 45 hectares

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 50,000 cases

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** bobal

**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | “The vineyards are situated on a gentle slope stretching from the Sierra de Juan Navarro to the Vega del Magro (plains) very near the Rambla de Estenas (watercourse). Here we find a very sunny calcareous glaciis where erosion has designed an undulating landscape of valleys and hills. The floors of the valleys are very rich and produce exceptional grape harvests. However, on the hills a calcareous crust with a stony surface predominates. Here the soil is poorer but very suitable for obtaining quality wines. This is something which has not gone unnoticed by Felix Martínez, who plants his most prized cabernet sauvignon, tempranillo, merlot and chardonnay vines here. Even with the help of localised irrigation, Felix does not allow the yield to exceed 3kg per vine.” - Juan Piqueras Haba, EL LEGADO DE BACO. WINES FROM VALENCIA, FROM ANTIQUITY TILL TODAY.

“Due to its high altitude and continental position, this area is prone to more extreme temperatures than the rest of the Community of Valencia. The average temperature being 14°C in Requena and 12°C in Utiel, January being the coldest month, averaging 5°C and August the hottest, averaging 24°C. A very significant factor is the marked difference between day and night temperatures which can reach a 20 degree difference. The frequency of extreme temperatures must also be taken into account, these can drop to a freezing 5 - 10 degrees below zero in winter and rise to a scorching 35 - 40 degrees in summer.” - Juan Piqueras Haba, THE HISTORY AND GUIDE OF VALENCIAN WINES


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