

BODEGAS MONTEBACO
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RIBERA DEL DUERO
VALBUENA DE DUERO

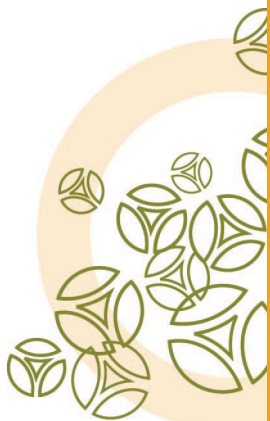
OVERVIEW | Located on the banks of the Duero River in central Spain, Montebaco is the epitome of old world technique and modern day technology. The winery was started in 1982 by Manuel Esteban with the intent of presenting the high quality of the local vineyards on an international stage. Manuel's family had grown grapes on this land for generations, but like many families they had sold their grapes to the local co-op in order to make a living. But as Ribera del Duero became internationally renowned for plush and velvety versions of Tempranillo, the opportunity to showcase their unique terroir overcame any fears of limited success. Manuel's son, also a Manuel, decided to leave school early to direct the family estate after the elder Manuel tragically passed and he continues to run the estate to this day.

Winemaker Cesar Munoz is one of the most talented albeit humble in Spain. He got his start at Chateau Montus (in Madiran) followed later by Vega Sicilia. Now he is responsible for several of Spain's most highly acclaimed wines including Leda in Toledo. In addition, he consults for wineries in Argentina and Portugal.

VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES | The vines at Montebaco sit at about 3,000 feet above sea level, high on the dusty plains above the river. The high altitude provides a natural buffer against the heat of the long and hot continental summer, allowing the grapes to hang on the vine well into October and yet retain a bright acid structure and a fresh feel. The gravel base of the alluvial soil provides excellent drainage for the old vines planted there. The local clone of Tempranillo, called Tinto Fino, crafts wines that have more weight, depth and perfume than their cousins from Rioja to the west. Chemicals have never been used on these soils, and all harvesting is done by hand.

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