



# EL VENENO

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El Veneno, Vinalopó

Red Wine  
Monastrell 100%  
D.O. Alicante Vinalopó



### Vineyard

Beautiful mountain plot named after ill-tempered past owner Uncle Veneno because he was quite serious, mean-spirited and hard on his neighbors.

Not everything was going to be bad and he left us in his memory a magnificent and exceptional vineyard.

Location: El Veneno, Alto Vinalopó

Elevation: 650 meters

Vineyard Size: 5 ha

Plant density: 1100 plants/ha

Yields: 1200 kgs per Ha

Age of vines: 57 years old

Clonal selections: Traditional

Trellising: Traditional goblet

Irrigation: Dry farming

Farming: Uncertified organic

Soil: Sandy loam soils, with a lot of calcareous caliche stone.

### Growing season

All kind of weather during the season: rainy spring, dry summer and fresh harvest time with cold nights. Perfect sanitary condition.

### Harvest

Hand selected grapes, avoiding overripe berries from selected grapes collected in 10kg crates.

Ripeness levels at harvest: 14%

Density: 1093.

Fruit condition: The grapes are harvested in perfect balance as they are mountain grapes, ripening is slower.

Date: 1st week of October, 2020

### Winemaking

The expression of simplicity. The most important thing is the high potential of the grape so we can reflect a fresher expression and manual handling.

Maceration: Soft manual, delicate with skins and 30% of stems, no pumping.

Yeast type: Native, all our wines ferment with indigenous yeast.

Fermentation vessel: 1000L vats

Primary fermentation: 8-10 days.

Pressing: Whole cluster grapes

Press type: Pneumatic press Bucher.

Lees contact: No batonnage

Secondary fermentation: Malolactic in oak casks

### Aging

A mix of new and one year old french oak Allier barrels.

Barrels sizes: 500 Liters

Time in Barrel: 12 months

SO2: 80 mgr/L

Closure type: Natural Cork

### Technical Data

ABV (alcohol by volume): 14%

Residual sugar: 1,10 gr/L

TA (total acidity): 5,6 gr/L

pH: 3,4

### Tasting notes

A serious expression of Monastrell with notes of lavender, rockrose, scrub, holm oak and Mediterranean pines. The fruit and our mountains come first, where the barrel accompanies and gives complexity for magnificent mouthfeel, long and balanced with character for a wine to be aged.

### Food and wine pairing suggestions

Suits well with Iberian sausages and sheep cheeses, great with meat grills, lamb chops or long matured beef meats.