



## BODEGAS CASTAÑO

### Familia Castaño, `Hécula` Monastrell 2015

#### PRODUCER

The Castaño family owns over 410 hectares of vineyards in the Yecla DO in south-eastern Spain. 80% of these vineyards are planted with the native Monastrell variety. Castaño symbolises the best of what southern Spain has to offer: rich, warm climate wines made from grapes grown at altitude, resulting in wines of great character and finesse. The Castaño family owns over 410 hectares of vineyards in the Yecla DO, of which 80% are planted with the native Monastrell variety. For several generations, Bodegas Castaño has been a pioneer in this region.

#### VINEYARDS

This wine is from Las Gruesas and Pozuelo vineyards which are situated at an altitude 750m above sea level. This area has a very different microclimate from the rest of the region which is clearly continental. It has minimum temperatures of -10°C in winter and up to 42°C in summer. The area is prone to infrequent spells of heavy rain. The average age of the vines is 38 years old and the density is 1,600 vines per hectare. Soils are a mix of sandstone and limestone.

#### VINTAGE

A very rainy winter and a mild wet spring made for an excellent budbreak and vegetation. Weather conditions eventually turned out less favourable than expected due to hail storms in small concentrated areas that affected part of the crop in some plots. Despite a reduction of yield, careful selectivity resulted in very good quality in the final wines.

#### VINIFICATION

Fermentation took place in stainless steel tanks for 10 days at 24-26°C. The wine was then aged for six months in oak barrels of which 50% were new. The oak used was 80% French and 20% American.

#### TASTING NOTES

A deep purple colour in the glass, exuding rich, elegant aromas of blueberries, ripe raspberries and liquorice with a subtle floral touch and a chalky character. On the palate, it is full-bodied, with an inviting richness and soft fruit that is integrated with oak notes in this extremely well-balanced red.

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#### VINTAGE INFORMATION

<b>Vintage</b>	2015
<b>Region</b>	Yecla, Murcia
<b>Grape Varieties</b>	100% Monastrell
<b>Winemaker</b>	Mariano López
<b>Closure</b>	Natural Cork
<b>ABV</b>	14%
<b>Bottle Sizes</b>	75cl, 150cl