

Juan Gil Petit Verdot



Producer: Bodegas Juan Gil
Winemaker: Bartolomé Abellán
Country of Origin: Spain
Region of Origin: Jumilla
Grapes: Petit Verdot 100%
ABV: 14%
Case Size: 6x75cl
Vintage: 2015
Suitable For: Vegetarians and Vegans
Closure Type: Cork



The One-Liner

An intense, layered, inky and powerful red from the harsh climate of Jumilla.

Tasting Note

Dense, vibrant and youthful in appearance, with thoroughly integrated characters. The wine is beautifully perfumed, with violets, cherries, red berries and gentle vanilla oak notes. The palate has a fresh burst of blackcurrant followed by a delicious ripe blueberry character. Tannins are poised, building to the finish, where there are hints of liquorice. A bright and intense wine - an excellent example of the potential quality of petit verdot when managed correctly.

Producer Details

The Gil family have been major producers in Jumilla since the early 20th century but took a major step forward when Miguel Gil, great-grandson of the company's founder, built a new bodega in time for the 2003 vintage. Situated on the slopes of the Penarubia mountain, the highest part of Jumilla with poor stony soils noted for its richly flavoured, concentrated Monastrell, the bodega owns over 500 hectares of vineyards and has access to further fruit from 30 to 50 year old vines. Bodegas Juan Gil is dedicated to producing powerful yet approachable and modern wines, mainly based on Monastrell (aka Mourvedre) which is grown on about 85% of the vineyard - other varieties grown are Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah, Merlot and Petit Verdot.

In The Vineyard

Fruit is from young vines, planted in 1996.

In The Winery

The wine undergoes malolactic fermentation in barrel and is then aged in American and French oak for 10 months before spending sometime in bottle.

Awards & Press

2009 Vintage: New Wave Spanish Wine Awards 2010 - Top 119 Wines

2009 Vintage: "Heady, dusty, interesting nose. Suggests that this variety can do well outside the Medoc! Oak is a little obvious but there is surely a bright future for Petit Verdot in Spain." Jancis Robinson, Purple Pages 'Great value Spanish reds and sweet wines' article, 27th July 2010

Food Recommendations

Albondigas, ox tongue, traditional dishes.