

D.O. RUEDA

BETWEEN VALLADOLID, SEGOVIA & AVILA | 74 TOWNS & VILLAGES

The DO is famous for its crisp, fresh and fruity whites, especially those made of Verdejo or Sauvignon Blanc. Since 2008, it also produces a small amount of red wines mostly from Tempranillo.

HISTORY

MAIN BLACK GRAPES (4.8%)

Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot & Garnacha Tinta

MAIN WHITE GRAPES (96.2%)

Verdejo (local), Viura (Macabeo), Sauvignon Blanc & Palomino Fino

VINE TRAINING

Traditional bush vines (low yields) & wire-trained vines (high yields, lower quality).



Vines can be trained in bushes for low yields (better concentration) or wire-trained for higher yields (less aromatics).

Consejo Regulador de la D.O. c/ Real, 8 47490 - RUEDA (Valladolid)

13/06/1986 • CREATION OF THE PDO STATUS •

The National Authorities awarded the DO status for whites in 12/01/1980 (1st in Castilla y León), red wines were then added on 05/08/2008.

3000 YEARS OF WINEMAKING HISTORY • STARTED WITH PHOENICIANS THEN ROMANS

The Romans would make wine for their troops here. The region's focus on quality started in the 10th century with monks, especially those from Cluny (FR) who brought their winemaking techniques and built the first underground cellars (12th century).

TERROIR

MAX T°C: 23°C • MIN T°C: 2.5°C • AVG T°C: 12.3°C • AVG ANNUAL RAINFALL: 385MM

Good altitude (between 600-780m above sea level). Continental climate: hot summers and cold winters. Late spring frosts can be a problem. Low rainfall.

GRAVELLY SOILS • CALLED CASCAJOSOS

Poor in organic materials, but with good ventilation and drainage. Soils are rich in calcium and magnesium. Limestone outcrops on the hilltops.

74 TOWNS & VILLAGES (SEE P.2)

53 located South of the Province of Valladolid, 17 to the West of Segovia & 4 North of Ávila.

THE WINES

RUEDA • MIN.50% VERDEJO • REFRESHING ACIDITY • SMOOTH & FLORAL • MIN.11%ABV Rueda Superiore has a minimum of 85% Verdejo. Often machine-harvesting at night (no oxidation of must). Wines to enjoy young with powerful & elegant primary aromas. Some recent wines are fermented in oak (barrica) for a richer texture.

RUEDA VERDEJO • 85 TO 100% VERDEJO • AROMATIC • STRAW YELLOW • MIN.11.5%ABV Dry & full-bodied. Fruity aromas with notes of star anis & fennel. Light bitterness.

RUEDA SAUVIGNON • MIN.85% SAUVIGNON • AROMATIC • TROPICAL • MIN.11%ABV Great aromatic intensity with good length.

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RUEDA ESPUMOSO • TRADITIONAL METHOD • 9 MONTHS IN BOTTLE • MIN.11.5% ABV Dry or semi-dry \rightarrow min.50% Verdejo / Brut or Brut Nature \rightarrow at least 85% Verdejo. Fruity & Smooth.

RUEDA DORADO • FORTIFIED WINE • OXIDATIVE AGEING • MIN.15% ABV

Aged in barrels for 2 years (oxidative) | Golden hue | Nutty aromas with a rancio note. A lighter style (Rueda Palido) can also be found \rightarrow biological ageing with flor (like Fino Sherry)

THE GOOD OLD YEARS

1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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