

WESTERN RESERVE WINES CLUB AUGUST 2023

WINE: SPN Spanish Red Wine Blend 2020 Castilla VT

VARIETALS: 60% Tempranillo, 20% Syrah, 20% Merlot

Viticulture Area: Castilla La Mancha VT, Spain

Bottle Price: \$11.99 Case Price: \$129.49 plus tax



INTRODUCTION

Western Reserve Wines thanks you for your continued membership in our Wine of the Month Club. We are happy to share these noteworthy selections with you for August 2023. We are also happy to announce the Saturday afternoon wine tastings are back and scheduled through the end of the year, with plans for Wednesday evening themed tastings. Please join us to catch up with old friends and make new friends while sharing samples of exceptional wine! Please enjoy the SPN Spanish Red Blend, and learn about the Castilla La Mancha region ~
Cheers!



REGION



Vino de la Tierra de Castilla, La Mancha, Spain: SPÑ comes from *La Mancha*, an elevated plain in the heart of Central Spain with an extremely hot, dry climate that naturally produces ripe, structured wines from the clay and limestone soils. Castilla La-Mancha is an autonomous community of Spain. Comprising of the provinces of Albacete, Ciudad Real, Cuenca, Guadalajara and Toledo, it was created in 1982, The government headquarters are in Toledo and its largest city is Albacete. The region largely occupies the southern half of the Iberian Peninsula's Inner Plateau, including large parts of the catchment areas of the Tagus, the Guadiana and the Jucar, while the northeastern relief comprises the Sistema Iberico mountain massif. It is bordered by Castile and Leon, Madrid, Aragon, Valencia, Murcia, Andalusia and Extremadura. It is one of the most sparsely populated of Spain's regions.

Castilla-La Mancha is the third largest of Spain's autonomous regions, representing 15.7 percent of Spain's national territory. Castilla-La Mancha has a continentalized Mediterranean climate; a Mediterranean climate but with more extreme temperatures typical of a continental climate. Lack of marine influence leads to more extreme temperatures: hotter summers and quite cold winters, with a daily oscillation of 33.3 °F. Summer is the driest season, with temperatures often exceeding 86 °F, sometimes reaching and exceeding 95 °F. In winter, temperatures often drop below 32 °F, producing frosts on clear nights, and occasional snow on cloudy nights.

Castilla-La Mancha is part of what has traditionally been called *España Seca* ("Dry Spain"). It receives relatively scarce precipitation, much as in a typical Mediterranean climate. Precipitation presents a notable gradient from the center of the region, where it does not surpass 400 millimeters (16 in) per year, to the mountains where it can exceed 1,000 millimeters (39 in) per year, on the slopes of the Sierra de Gredos and the Serrania de Cuenca. The greater part of the region has less than 600 millimeters (24 in) of rain annually.

PRODUCER

Origins	Spain > Castilla La Mancha
Appellation	Castilla La Mancha
Varietal	Tempranillo Red Blend
Cepage	60% Tempranillo, 20% Syrah and 20% Merlot
Winemaking	SPÑ Red is a Tempranillo heavy blend with 20% Syrah and 20% Merlot blended in to add complexity.
Aging	Stainless Steel



Tasting Notes:

Bright cherry color with violet hues. Aromatic with ripe red fruits, pepper and hints of green tea. Dry, fruity and spicy with moderate structure, chewy tannins and bright acidity. Smooth, full flavor and velvety finish on the palate. This is a delicious wine!

Food Suggestions:

This is a versatile wine that goes well with meats, vegetarian dishes, pasta and fish. Ideal with cured meats, pate and aged cheeses. Perfect for social gatherings.

Remember We Taste The Bad Ones So you don't have to!

CHEERS!!!

Sources: <https://tmarchettico.com/spanish-wines/spn>
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Castilla%E2%80%93La_Mancha

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