

WESTERN RESERVE WINES CLUB SEPTEMBER 2025



WINE: *Nisia Las Suertes Old Vines Verdejo*

VARIETALS: *100% Verdejo*

VITICULTURE AREA: *Rueda, Spain*

Bottle Price: \$34.99 | Case Price: \$377.89 plus tax



INTRODUCTION

Jorge Ordóñez Selections – Fine Estates from Spain, Inc. is a family owned and operated exclusive national agent and importer of Spanish wines servicing the United States & Puerto Rico. Founded in 1987 by Jorge Ordóñez, our company was the first national specialty importer of Spanish wines that introduced the wines of Spain to the United States at a time when less than a dozen labels of large commercial brands were being commercialized in the US.

Since then, Jorge personal crusade has been to seek out and preserve Spain's rich multi-millennial history of viticulture and winemaking. Today, Spain is Earth's largest viticultural region, with more area under vine than any other country worldwide. It is also thought that vitis vinifera was first cultivated in Spain over 2,700 years ago by the Phoenicians, making this arguably the most ancient winegrowing country in Western Europe.

Our family's philosophy is that this ancient and diverse history is what makes Spain unique, and we fight to celebrate and advance this history by representing family-owned estates that share our family's commitment to quality, old vineyards, and classic winemaking. We do not work with large co-operatives or corporate winemaking organizations that report to large numbers of shareholders – the companies we represent are multi-generation family businesses that are committed to farming and producing distinctive wines.

REGION

Verdejo, an esteemed white grape varietal native to Spain, thrives in the sun-drenched vineyards of the Rueda region, where it flourishes in the region's sandy soils and continental climate. Revered for its aromatic intensity and vibrant acidity, Verdejo produces wines of exceptional freshness and elegance. Verdejo wines are characterized by their aromatic bouquet of citrus fruits, tropical notes, and subtle herbal undertones. With a medium body and crisp acidity, they offer a refreshing palate that pairs perfectly with seafood, salads, and light appetizers.

As interest in Spanish wines grows, Verdejo has emerged as a shining star, captivating wine enthusiasts with its expressive character and undeniable charm. Its ability to reflect the unique terroir of Rueda makes Verdejo a beloved choice among both novices and connoisseurs alike. Historically, D.O. Rueda is one of Spain's finest white winemaking regions. When the capital of Castilla León was in Valladolid, the wines of Rueda (and those of Toro) were celebrated by the Spanish medieval court. The most important indigenous grape in Rueda is Verdejo, named for the green hue of the skins. For centuries Rueda produced quality Verdejo, but was annihilated by the phylloxera, which wiped out two thirds of the region's vineyards. When American rootstocks were selected for grafting, they were chosen for productivity, not quality. This focus on quantity over quality defined the region for much of the 20th century, until several important producers resuscitated the region's commitment to quality in the 1970's.

Today, most of the region is focused on bulk wine from newer clones of Verdejo and Sauvignon Blanc. These vineyards are typically planted in the central part of the appellation, which is defined by extremely productive red clay soils. There are small pockets of extremely old, ungrafted vineyards of the original clones of Verdejo in the south-eastern part of the appellation. It is Bodegas Ordóñez's goal to find and champion these authentic vineyards.



PRODUCER



By working exclusively with artisan producers who employ non-interventional, authentic methods of farming and winemaking, we represent honest wines with a sense of history, culture, and place.

After decades of hard work, Spain has become a considerable category in the United States market and Spaniards are beginning to recognize their place on the world wine stage and have begun to fight for the resuscitation of old vineyards and quality winemaking. While this movement is significant it is still in its infancy and we believe education, internationally, is the most important next step to continue advancing Spain as the world's top fine wine region. While international exports and sales have grown considerably, education and understanding around Spanish wine is still basic, which has driven demand towards a homogenized collection of wines from easy-to-understand appellations and varieties, which shortchanges Spain's most important quality – its diversity of indigenous grape varieties and terroir.

Jorge Ordóñez Selections is being led into the next generation by Monica & Victor Ordóñez – Jorge's children who look forward to advancing the quality and position of Spain's top wines in the North American marketplace.

"Ordóñez had made a name for himself in the United States as an importer of Spanish wines, who elevated unheralded regions to international stardom... The bodegas' names are now familiar to many wine drinkers... largely from formerly comatose areas such as Jumilla, Rias Baixas, and Toro, once august but virtually unknown through the 20th century except to the farmers who toiled there." - Ben O'Donnell, Andalusian Revival, Wine Spectator

Tasting Notes:

93 points- Jeb Dunnuck "The 2023 Nisia Las Suertes is 100% Verdejo from very old vines (possibly even the 1880s) and was aged on the lees with bâtonnage for a minimum of 7 months in French oak puncheons and demi-muids. It has more melon ball, hay, crushed stone, and subtly honey nuances that carry to a beautifully textured, layered white with a gorgeous mid-palate, integrated acidity, and a great finish. It's a serious wine that's geared for the dinner table."

Food Suggestions:

Pair the Nisia Las Suertes Old Vine Verdejo with dishes that complement its complex profile of citrus, herbs, and tropical notes, such as Manchego cheese, citrus-and-herb-infused grilled fish or chicken, seafood like clams, mussels, and shrimp, and richer pork or lamb dishes. Vegetable-focused dishes like white asparagus or fennel salad, and even tinned fish or avocado with chili flakes, also make excellent pairings.

Sources: <https://www.jorgeordonezselections.com/>

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