

Gutiérrez de la Vega



D.O. Overview :

Under Vine : 10,379 ha (25,647 ac)

Vineyard Elevation Range : 600-900 m
(1,968-2,952 ft)

Climate : Coastal Mediterranean and inland
Continental

Soil Types : Dark lime bearing soils on
subsoils of sedimentary rock

Primary Red : Monastrell, Tempranillo,
Garnacha, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Pinot
Noir, Petit Verdot, Cabernet Franc, Syrah

Primary White : Macabeo, Merseguera,
Planta Nova, Chardonnay, Parellada, Verdejo,
Moscatel de Grano Menudo, Sauvignon Blanc

ORIGIN	D.O. Alicante Singular Valencia, Spain
DESIGNATION	Recondita Armonía Monastrell Dulce 'Late Bottled'
ALCOHOL	16%
VARIETY	100% Monastrell
VINEYARD	Casta Diva Monastrell Dulce is made from 60-year-old, bush-trained vines grown at nearly 2,000 ft in elevation in the sandy soils of Sierra de Salinas. Vineyards are farmed practicing organic.

PROCESS The Dulce 'Late Bottled' is a solera bottling of Monastrell—the most traditional wine of Alicante. Monastrell grapes are left to dry on the vine until they become raisins, carefully harvested, and foot trod whole cluster. Fermented in open barrels without temperature control. The fermentation is long and slow, and the native yeast eventually stops around 16% ABV, leaving around two hundred grams of residual sugar. After 2-3 months, the wine is manually pressed into a single 1300 L American oak barrel and aged in a solera. 200 liters is bottled each year and wine is added yearly to replenish the solera.

TASTING This is a vibrant and complex dessert red, with intoxicating notes of menthol, toasted nuts, and orange zest, balanced by lively acidity. Pair it with aged cheeses and chocolate-based desserts, or enjoy it as its own reward at the end of your meal.

WINERY Since 1978, Felipe & Pilar Gutierrez de la Vega have championed traditional wine growing in the sun-soaked region of Alicante. Inspired by the historical wine styles of their area, the couple produce a diverse range of wines, from dry to sweet, in their 19th century winery. The bodega is located in the small mountain town of Parcent, very close to the Mediterranean Sea on the Alicante coast. The hot summer days and cool nights unique to coastal mountains are perfectly suited for the long growing season of Monastrell and the other indigenous varieties grown here.