

# Premium Spanish Wine Offer

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**VEGA SICILIA**, arguably Spain's most prestigious wine estate, was founded in 1864 by Don Eloy Lecanda y Chaves. He planted Bordeaux grapes (Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec) in the arid Ribera soils, as well as the local grape, Tinto Fino. The bodega, which is located beside a highway east of Valladolid, now has 140 hectares of vines. The estate's top wine, Unico, is aged for up to 10 years in a mixture of French and American wood, both large wooden vats and new barriques. Valbuena is released after 5 years of ageing. The wines of Vega Sicilia are renowned for their complexity, intensity and longevity and are amongst the finest in the world.

In the early 1990's Vega Sicilia established Bodegas Alion, also in Ribera del Duero. Alion is 100% Tempranillo and although made and owned by Vega Sicilia the style and philosophy is entirely different. It is released as a young wine with around 3 years oak age and a ten year cellaring potential.

Bodegas Pintia is owned by Vega Sicilia. Pintia is located further west along the Duero River inside the warmer D.O. of Toro. The estate owns 96 hectares of land. The first vintage released was the 2001.

"There is only one wine with the courage – or is it presumption – to claim itself as unique: Vega Sicilia. It comes from Spain; not from the Rioja or the Penedes, but from a vinously isolated part of old Castile near the ancient university city of Valladolid. Unique it certainly is. No other wine in the world tastes like it or is made like it. Few wines, moreover, are as expensive or held before release for quite such a long time. Like any great wine – and for all its idiosyncrasy Vega Sicilia is a great wine – there is little of it and supplies are jealously eked out by the property itself and its meagre collection of carefully selected importers. Similarly, like Chateau Pétrus and Grange Hermitage and Guigal's La Turque, more wine-lovers have heard of Vega Sicilia than have ever had a chance to sample it. The legend has preceded the experience. After many years of reading about Vega Sicilia and a few isolated opportunities to taste the wine for myself I first got properly acquainted with Vega Sicilia when I participated in two comprehensive vertical tastings of the wines in 1989 and 1990. To say that I was impressed would be putting it mildly. Overwhelmed might express it better. The manufacture of Vega Sicilia defies logic. But the result is truly remarkable."

*Clive Coates, The Vine – Issue 172*

## **BODEGAS PINTIA TORO D.O. 2005**

The 2005 Pintia is 100% Tinta de Toro aged for one year in new French and American oak. Opaque purple-colored, it offers a complex perfume of pain grille, pencil lead, spice box, black cherry, and blackberry. This leads to a full-bodied, ripe, layered wine with intense flavors, serious complexity, and exceptional length. It has enough structure to unfold for another 4-6 years and drink well through 2025. **95 Points Wine Advocate # 175 Feb 2008**

## **BODEGAS PINTIA TORO D.O. 2004**

The 2004 Pintia comes from a superior vintage. Similarly styled to its older sibling, it is simply more flamboyant and opulent. The temptation is to drink this heady effort now but those who can delay gratification for a few years will be amply rewarded.

*95 + Points Wine Advocate # 169 Feb 2007*

## **BODEGAS ALION RIBERA DEL DUERO D.O. 2004**

Bodegas Alion was started by the renowned estate of Vega Sicilia in 1991. Grapes are sourced from vineyards next to the winery and from Vega Sicilia's own vineyards at Valbuena. Eighteen hectares of Tinto Fino (Tempranillo) form the actual Alion estate. The 2004 Alion is inky purple-colored with an alluring perfume of toasty oak, lavender, violets, mineral, blackberry, and blueberry compote. This is followed by a full-bodied, rich, opulent, wine with incipient complexity, and notes of licorice, mocha, and espresso emerging on the palate. The lengthy finish is pure and persistent. Give it 3-5 years in the cellar and drink it through 2025. **96 Points Wine Advocate # 175 Feb 2008**

## **VEGA SICILIA VALBUENA 2003**

The 2003 Valbuena is purple-colored and super-fragrant with aromas of pain grille, pencil lead, black currant, and blackberry liqueur. This is followed by a powerful, concentrated wine with an opulent palate-feel, layers of flavor, and beautiful integration of oak, tannin, and acidity, no mean feat in the torrid 2003 vintage. Supple, sweet, and long, this superb effort will evolve for another 4-6 years and drink well through 2025. **94 Points Wine Advocate # 175 Feb 2008**

## **VEGA SICILIA UNICO COSECHA 1998**

The 1998 Unico is purple-colored with a complex bouquet of wood smoke, violets, Asian spices, mineral, blueberry, and assorted black fruits. This is followed by a full-bodied, dense, loaded wine with gobs of sweet fruit, great concentration, and layers of flavor. It will continue to evolve for another 5-7 years and drink well through 2040+. **98 Points, Wine Advocate # 175 Feb 2008**

**DOMINIO de PINGUS** is a biodynamic project in Ribera del Duero, the lovechild of dutch-born 'maker Peter Sisseck. His focus is a terroir/clone match between a very specific RdD indigenous Tempranillo clone and a particular sub-regional soil profile. Needless to say, we're talking seriously old bush-vine, dry grown and very low crop material, hand-made, unfiltered and aged in the best (really the very best) French wood going around. Pingus is Spain's most expensive wine, and always one of its very best. Flor de Pingus is a relatively good value 'super-second'.

No notes are available as the wines are not yet finished. However, previous releases have all been highly regarded by the press, including numerous 95+ scores from Robert Parker.

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	Pricing		Bottles Req'd
	<i>Normal</i>	<i>Offer</i>	
<b>BODEGAS PINTIA TORO D.O.</b>			
Bodegas Pintia Toro D.O. 2005	\$120	\$108	.....
Bodegas Pintia Toro D.O. 2004	\$100	\$90	.....
Bodegas Pintia Toro D.O. 2003	\$95	\$85	.....
<b>BODEGAS ALION RIBERA DEL DUERO D.O.</b>			
Bodegas Alion Ribera del Duero D.O. 2004	\$153	\$137	.....
Bodegas Alion Ribera del Duero D.O. 2004 1500m	\$360	\$324	.....
Bodegas Alion Ribera del Duero D.O. 2003	\$130	\$117	.....
Bodegas Alion Ribera del Duero D.O. 2003 1500m	\$370	\$333	.....
Bodegas Alion Ribera del Duero D.O. 2002	\$125	\$112	.....
<b>VEGA SICILIA VALBUENA</b>			
Vega Sicilia Valbeuna 2003	\$330	\$297	.....
Vega Sicilia Valbeuna 2002	\$275	\$247	.....
Vega Sicilia Valbeuna 2001	\$250	\$225	.....
Vega Sicilia Valbeuna 2001 1500ml	\$700	\$630	.....
Vega Sicilia Valbeuna 2000	\$250	\$225	.....
Vega Sicilia Valbeuna 1999	\$260	\$224	.....
Vega Sicilia Valbeuna 1999 1500ml	\$570	\$513	.....
<b>VEGA SICILIA UNICO</b>			
Vega Sicilia Unico Cosecha 1998	\$750	\$675	.....
Vega Sicilia Unico Cosecha 1996	\$645	\$580	.....
Vega Sicilia Unico Cosecha 1995	\$600	\$540	.....
Vega Sicilia Unico Cosecha 1994 1500ml	\$1800	\$1620	.....
Vega Sicilia Unico Cosecha 1991	\$585	\$526	.....
Vega Sicilia Unico Cosecha 1985 1500ml	\$1900	\$1710	.....
Vega Sicilia Unico Reserva Especial 89, 90, 94 vintage blend	\$740	\$666	.....
Vega Sicilia Unico Reserva Especial 90, 91, 94 vintage blend	\$710	\$639	.....
Vega Sicilia Unico Reserva Especial 90, 91, 96 vintage blend	\$815	\$733	.....
<b>DOMINIO de PINGUS – due Feb 2010</b>			
Flor de Pingus 2007	\$195	\$175	.....
Pingus 2007	\$1400	\$1260	.....

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