

# Hystori



VERA DE ESTENAS

- Vera de Estenas Viñedos y Bodegas is the spirit of Francisco Martínez Bermell. Since he was installed in the Utiel-Requena region in 1945, it brought the export tradition of the Grao de Valencia. Francisco Martínez Bermell became one of the most prestigious winemakers in Spain. He was elected president of honor of the Spanish association of winemakers, after being president for two terms (8 years) and vice president of the International Wine Organization (OIV).
- In 1981 all its winemaking activity, which had been developed especially in the municipalities of Requena and Utiel, was transferred to the Casa de Don Ángel winery, a modernist building built in 1919, near Utiel. This winery returned to show its pioneering spirit and began an intense change that it considered necessary in the viticulture of the region: little by little it left the exports of wine in bulk and focused on improving the grape varieties and recovering the bobal with new types of processing, all aimed at quality bottling. Thus, Vera de Estenas became the first Valencian winery to cultivate and develop varieties such as Chardonnay, Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Malbec.
- And this has been the challenge that their sons have continued, especially Félix Martínez Roda, who year after year produces wines with their own label, being faithful to the concept of innovation, but without losing the expression of the terroir where the vineyard is grown. Precisely this search for its own personality, which tries to combine tradition and modernity, is the legacy and the spirit of Vera de Estenas wines.
- Vera de Estenas is since 2013 a DOP Pago



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# Site, Location, Placing

- Property Name: Finca Casa Don Ángel
- Municipal District: Utiel (Valencia)
- Protected Designation (denomination) of Origin: Utiel-Requena
- Altitude: 2,360 ft above sea level
- 43 miles inland from the coast (Mediterranean Sea)

# Climate



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- Annual Average Temperature: 14 °C (57 °F)
- Average Daily Thermal Amplitude: 17 °C (30 °F)
- Average annual rainfall: 19 inches
- Cold and very long winters (spring is often delayed) with frequent frosts even in April-May
- Relatively short and dry summers (with low humidity)
- Short fall, characterized by a gradual descend of temperatures and appearance of morning frosts.

# Soil



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- Very sunny calcareous glacia where erosion has designed an undulating landscape of valleys and hills with mild slopes.
- Soils are typically poor, with predominance of a calcareous crust and beds (layers) of pebbles and boulders.
- High percentage of limestones and sands
- sand, silt, and clay textures



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## Grape Varieties Grown

- Chardonnay
- Malbec
- Tempranillo
- Merlot
- Cabernet Sauvignon
- Bobal