

2023 CELESTE VERDEJO, DO RUEDA

WINERY

Pago del Cielo Winery, founded by the Torres family in 2004, spans the prestigious regions of Ribera del Duero and Rueda. With a focus on crafting modern, elegant wines, the winery benefits from high-altitude vineyards in Ribera del Duero that enhance the aromatic intensity of their reds. In Rueda, the estate vineyards on the banks of the Duero River have unique alluvial soils which highlight the expressiveness of their Verdejo. Led by Winemaker Juan Ramón García, Pago del Cielo combines tradition, quality, and a passion for the unique terroirs of the regions.

WINE

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* PAGO DEL CIELO Celeste Verdejo is born on the slopes of the Duero River near Villafranca de Duero from soley estate vineyards. The Familia Torres owned vineyards lie in a unique zone of the DO with distinct soils of riverbed gravel and stones which allow the verdejo to mature exceptionally and imparts a characteristic minerality to the wine. Made with the Verdejo varietal and a small percentage of Sauvignon Blanc, with a period of lees aging, to add unique complexity to this friendly and approachable wine.

VINEYARDS

Celeste Verdejo vineyards are located in the lowlands of the Duero River. This region has a mix of older, gentle slopes and rolling hills. The Familia Torres owned vineyards lie in a unique zone of the DO with distinct soils of riverbed gravel, stones and sand.

VINTAGE NOTES

The 2023 vintage presented above-average temperatures, especially in the spring, with exceptionally warm days in April. The drought at the beginning of the year continued well into August. Conditions changed in September, culminating in end-of-year precipitation levels that exceeded expectations. Heat waves were the most notable extreme climate events, especially those in July and August.

WINEMAKING

Fermentation in stainless steel tanks and aged on lees for four months to add complexity.

TASTING NOTES

The wine has a pale yellow color, accompanied by a subtle effervence. It gives off a fresh scent of herbs and lemon peel, underscored by a distinct mineral note. Silky on the palate, featuring a prominent citrus flavor, specifically tangerine, which blends into its rich texture.

VINEYARD	
Region:	Castilla y Leon
Appellation:	Rueda
Soil:	Gravel and stone
Eco-Practices:	Sustainable; Solar; Regeneratively farmed

WINEMAKING

Varietals:	Verdejo & Sauvignon Blanc
Aging:	On lees for minimum of 4 months

TECHNICAL DETAIL

Alcohol:	13.5%
Total Acidity:	6.68 g/L
Residual Sugar:	0.3 g/L
pH:	3.25

