

## Bodegas Vatan Nisia Verdejo Rueda Spain 2021

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### Final Deductions

**VINTAGE** 2021  
**GRAPE** Verdejo  
**GEOGRAPHY** Europe  
**COUNTRY** Spain  
**LARGER REGION** Castilla Y León  
**SMALLER REGION** Rueda

### Rationale

Quietly, Verdejo makes up a huge 40% of all white wine sold in Spain, and yet the most important producing region, Rueda, sends less than 15% of its wines to overseas markets. So, what do the Spanish see in this variety that others are missing? Verdejo is an outstanding alternative to wines like Sauvignon Blanc and Pinot Grigio, with surprising changes in flavors coming with age.

While grown throughout Spain, it is in the expansive region of Castilla y León where the Verdejo grape reigns. High on the windy and sparsely populated plains of the Meseta Central, north of Madrid, the variety fully develops its showy lime and tropical aromas. Held in high regard, displaying herbaceous, nutty characters with balanced acidity and having some cellaring potential, Verdejo's prominence in Rueda is being challenged by Sauvignon Blanc. Furthermore, Chardonnay and Viognier were added to DO regulations in 2020.

Situated in the from the town of Santiuste de San Juan Bautista, located in the province of Segovia, from the town of Santiuste de San Juan Bautista, Bodegas Vatan works with exclusively ungrafted vineyards of Verdejo planted in the southeastern subzone of D.O. Rueda, the only part of the appellation that completely resisted phylloxera due to the sandy quality of the soils. The philosophy of the winery is to produce authentic Verdejo the old-fashioned way, by working with traditional vineyards and using old school winemaking techniques.

### Sight

**BRIGHTNESS** Star Bright  
**CLARITY** Clear  
**COLOR DEPTH** Medium  
**COLOR** Straw  
**HIGHLIGHTS** Green  
**BUBBLES** No

### Structure

**RESIDUAL SUGAR** Dry  
**ACID** Med+  
**ALCOHOL** Med+  
**PHENOLS** Low  
**TEXTURE** Round / Smooth  
**FINISH** Med+  
**COMPLEXITY** Med+

### Aroma & Taste

**CITRUS FRUIT** Lemon • Lime • Grapefruit (W/Y) *Condition: Fresh, Ripe* *Part: Flesh, Peel / Zest, Pith*  
**TREE/VINE FRUIT** Pear (Green) • Apple (Green) • Pear (Asian) *Condition: Fresh*  
**STONE FRUIT** Plum (Green/Yellow) *Condition: Fresh, Ripe*  
**TROPICAL FRUIT** Guava • Kiwi • Melon (Green) • Starfruit *Condition: Fresh*  
**FLORAL** Honeysuckle • Lemon / Lime Blossom *Condition: Fresh*  
**GREEN VEGETABLE** Olive (Green) • Caper • Spring Peas  
**OTHER VEGETABLE** Fennel / Anise • Mushrooms (White) • Ginger / Root  
**HERBAL** Lemon Grass • Cilantro • Sorrel • Verbena  
**ORGANIC EARTH** Forest Floor • Turned Dirt / Potting Soil  
**INORGANIC EARTH** Mineral / Rock  
**OAK AGING** Yes *Oak Intensity: Low*  
**OAK INFLUENCE** Neutral / Large Oak  
**OXIDATION/NUTTINESS** Pinenut • Almond / Marzipan • Peanut / Shell  
**PERCEIVED WINEMAKING CHOICES** Lees Contact