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Belondrade y Lurton Rueda Superior White



Current Vintage: 2023

2023 was a challenging and unpredictable vintage. Although total rainfall appeared high, it was unevenly distributed throughout the growing season, with rains concentrated in autumn and summer. This was paired with higher-than-normal average temperatures. A sharp rise in temperatures in April advanced bud break, and several summer hailstorms had us anxiously watching the skies.

The presence of raisined grapes required the nearly 50 harvesters, as well as the sorting table team, to pay special attention to selecting grapes one by one. Yields were lower than usual, but thanks to the decision to start harvesting early on August 24, we were able to preserve high acidity levels and balance out the riper, more concentrated profile of the final parcels harvested.

Belondrade y Lurton is the result of a blend that faithfully reflects the climate conditions of the vintage and the great diversity of the terroir.

- **Appellation:** D.O. Rueda, Spain
- **Varietal:** 95% Verdejo and 5% other varieties
- **Alcohol:** 14%
- **Harvest:** This wine comes exclusively from hand-harvested organic grapes from the Quinta San Diego estate. The vineyard is a mosaic of 23 plots with different soil compositions, topography, planting densities, orientations, and vine ages ranging from 10 to 75 years old. Spontaneous fermentations and aging on lees take place in French oak barrels with varying characteristics.
- **Tasting Notes:** "I find the iconic 2023 Belondrade y Lurton to be unusually ripe, spicy and showy, with some exuberant notes of peach and a little oaky. It has a core of yellow fruit, pollen and hay. The palate is soft and tender, with integrated acidity, 14% alcohol and some power but with freshness and balance, with the classical bitter touch in the finish. 104,305 bottles produced. It was bottled in July 2024."

- **94 pts, Wine Advocate**

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