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## SEMELE MONTEBACO 2020 RIBERA DEL DUERO

Montebaco is the brand of the wines grown at Finca Monte Alto, which straddles the border of two municipalities at the western end of the D.O. Ribera del Duero (Valbuena and Pesquera). After the dissolution of church property in 1835, the land was sold off and many estates were turned over to hunting for wealthy landowners. This was the case of the nearby Vega Sicilia and also the land on which Finca Monte Alto sits, which is just 10km from their more famous neighbours. The Esteban family bought the land in 1981 and subsequently sold most of it to fund the planting of vineyards and the construction of the family's winery. This is a single estate winery, using only the grapes from their own vineyards, located at between 850 and 900m above sea level in a side valley to the Duero, called the Jaramiel. Manuel Esteban grows almost exclusively Tinto Fino, the classic grape of Ribera, as well as a small amount of Merlot.

Semele is a great ageing Ribera del Duero at a fantastic value for money.

**Grape:** 90% Tempranillo 10% Merlot

### **Vineyard & Vinification Note:**

50 hectares

**Soil:** clay-limestone

Vineyard located in the area of Valbuena and Pesquera de Duero, within the valley of arroyo Jaramiel, between 850 and 900 metres high.

The vineyards are located on hillsides where the vines are tended with the utmost respect for their natural wine-growing environment.

Controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks.

Aged in barrel for 12 months. French and American oak.

**Tasting Note:** Deep cherry colour. Red fruit and spices on the nose. Fresh, round, full, lots of red fruit aromas. Great ageing potential.

### **Food Pairing:**

Pairs well with lamb, white meat, mushrooms and cheeses such as manchego.



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