

Bodegas Nekeas

Navarra

The Nekeas Valley in Navarra is one of the northernmost vinegrowing regions on the Iberian peninsula. Cultivation of grapes is only possible thanks to the presence of the Sierra Perdón, which provides a mountainous barrier shielding the area from the cold winds of the Pyrenees. Additionally, the climate is moderated by the influence of the Atlantic Ocean - 70 Km away - and by Mediterranean air migrating up the Ebro Valley. Summer ends early and the cool nights which follow it provide an especially long period for grapes to mature. This heightens the complexity of the grape and resulting wines.

The geography of the Valley is complex too. There are sharp slopes, some impossible to climb, with altitudes of between 450 and 650 meters, facing out in all directions. This results in a wide variety of stone outcroppings, diverse both in structure and composition.

For this reason there are a number of microclimates, each favoring different grape varieties - all in a valley only five kilometers in length!

2006 Vega Sindoa Viura/Chardonnay earned 88 points in Robert Parker Jr.'s The Wine Advocate:

"... made from remarkably low yields for this price level, perhaps accounting for its superb concentration. Light gold in color, it offers up an attractive nose with notes of mineral, baked apple, and honey. Supple on the palate with gobs of flavor, this medium-bodied wine is nicely balanced and refreshing. It is also a great value."

