



Valencia

Bodegas Enguera



Proprietor: Bodegas Enguera was founded in 1999 by Pedro Perez Pardo in inland Valencia (region). They currently own 445 acres of vines, primarily Monastrell, Tempranillo and Merlot. They also grow Cabernet Sauvignon, Syrah and smaller quantities of a variety of white grapes.

Winemaker / Vineyard Manager: Diego Fernandez Pons/ Jose Vicente.

Location: The town of Enguera (Zone 8) is part of the southern sub zone of the Valencia D.O., 35 miles inland, south and west of the Mediterranean city of Valencia. The vineyards are at 2,037 ft altitude.

Wines Made: DisTinto, Flaco, Angelical and others currently not being imported.

Climate: The mean temperature between April and October is 60.8°, which is low for a Mediterranean climate. Rainfall during the growing season is 9.8 inches, while yearly rainfall totals are 23 inches. These cooler temperatures, cooler than one would expect for a Mediterranean climate, have a positive effect on the vines. The cooler temperatures also extend the growing season. They typically harvest the 2nd week of October. So clearly a major component of this wine, bestowing vibrancy, abundant aromatics, freshness and color with great fruit expression.

Soil: Sand with limestone, just below the surface. The sand is very good in heat retention, allowing for continued ripening during the cooler nights; another important role for the sandy soil is its ability to drain water rapidly, minimizing surface moisture. Whereas the limestone subsoil, acts as a water reservoir, providing water to the vine as needed, particularly during periods of drought.

What makes Enguera unique? 1) The ingenuity of the young and dynamic winemaker Diego Fernandez Pons. 2) All wines made are *small to medium production* cuvees 3) The well draining, heat retaining sand, offsets the high rainfall *during the growing season*, by minimizing moisture. 5) Due to it's high altitude, Enguera has *cool average growing season temperatures (60.8° F) for a Mediterranean climate*, resulting in very aromatic, fruit expressive wines.



There are 53,816 acres of vines in the Valencia DO.



Diego Fernandez Pons the ingenious, young Valencian winemaker at Bodega Enguera is also a winemaker for 5 other wineries. Diego is also the winemaker of Bodegas Manuel de la Osa. Manuel de la Osa is a well known Spanish chef who owns Las Rejas Restaurante (1 star Michelin rated restaurant). Additionally Diego is a teacher of Viticulture.

BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES (2006)	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
MONASTRELL	148	15 - 30	SAND AND LIMESTONE	2,037 FT	7%
TEMPRANILLO	148	8 - 20	SAND AND LIMESTONE	2,037 FT	7%
MERLOT	37	8	SAND AND LIMESTONE	2,037 FT	7%
SYRAH	37	8	SAND AND LIMESTONE	2,037 FT	7%
CABERNET SAUVIGNON	20	3	SAND AND LIMESTONE	2,037 FT	7%
VERDIL	53	15 - 60	SAND AND LIMESTONE	2,037 FT	7%