



Ribera del Duero

B. y V. Juan M. Burgos

Winery Info Sheet



Proprietor: Juan Manuel Burgos founded this winery in 1999 owning 20 acres of Tempranillo vines in Fuentelcesped and his first vintage in 2000.

Winemaker / Vineyard Manager: Juan Manuel Burgos.

Location: Located in Zone 2, within the province of Burgos (*eastern sub-region of Ribera del Duero*) in the town of Fuentelcesped, located in the eastern part of Ribera del Duero at 2,946 ft altitude (898 m).

Wines Made: Avan Nacimiento, Avan Concentracion and Avan Cepas Centenarias.

Climate: Continental climate (Zone 2) cold nights and hot days with moderately low levels of rainfall. Burgos with a cooler climate at higher altitude with wines usually exhibiting deeper color and are highly aromatic with more concentration of flavors than wines produced in western Ribera del Duero. Higher in altitude than Rueda and Toro with corresponding lower temperatures averaging 61.2° F from April to October in Fuentelcesped with 9.7 inches of rainfall. The continental climate gives a long ripening period offering more complexity and greater aromatic intensity. Harvest usually commences first week of October and finishes by Oct 15th.

Soils: Topsoil composed of sand and thin particles of clay and subsoil of gravel with limestone. This soil profile provides good water drainage reducing humidity and the low organic matter, reduces grape yields to 2.2 pounds per vine (1 kg). Producing wines with deep color saturation, aromatic, extracted and in intense in flavor.

What makes AVAN wines unique? 1) Great efforts to grow “terroir” expressive wines revealing power and character that are truly unique to Juan Manuel Burgos’s youthful ambitions. 2) All wines are small production cuvees. 3) Avan Cepas Centenarias is produced from pre-phylloxera vines that are over 100 years old. 4) All his wines are remarkable dark, aromatic and intense in flavors.



There are 45,876 acres of vineyard land in Ribera del Duero.



Fermenting and maceration barrels of AVAN. Photograph by Jesse Nash.



Juan Manuel Burgos at the Harvest Festival at Fuentelcesped, Burgos, Oct 2005. Photograph by Jesse Nash.

BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

NAME OF VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES	GRAPES	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
CARRASCALES	4	8	TEMPRANILLO	SAND, CLAY, CHALK, AND GRAVEL	2100 FT	STEEP
EL MONTE	6	10	TEMPRANILLO	CLAY, GRAVEL	2200 FT	MEDIUM
MOJON BLANCO, TORRUBIO	8	40 TO 80	TEMPRANILLO	SAND, CLAY, CHALK, AND LIMESTONE	1900 FT	MEDIUM
CUESTA LA VIÑA	2	100 +	PREPHYLLOXERA TEMPRANILLO	SAND, CLAY, CRAVEL / CHALK		STEEP



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AVAN



Name of Wine: AVAN Nacimiento 2004
Producer: Bodegas Juan Manuel Burgos
DO: Ribera del Duero (Zone # 2)
Grape Varietal: 100% Tempranillo
Production: 1,000 Case made – 400 for the U.S.
Wine Maker: Juan Manuel Burgos
Ageing: 10 Months in French Oak Barrels
Notes:

Avan Nacimiento 2003 Parker 90 pts

The 2003 Avan Nacimiento exhibits a dense ruby/purple color, sweet berry fruit intermixed with notions of licorice, earth, truffles, and spice, gorgeous texture, tremendous depth, and fine overall balance. This velvety-textured, nuanced 2003 should drink well for 5-7 years. June 2005



Name of Wine: AVAN Concentración 2004
Producer: Bodegas Juan Manuel Burgos
DO: Ribera del Duero (Zone # 2)
Grape Varietal: 100% Tempranillo
Production: 350 Cases made – 75 for the U.S.
Wine Maker: Juan Manuel Burgos
Ageing: 12 Months in French Oak Barrels
Notes:

Avan Concentración 2004 IWC 90 pts

Saturated violet. Highly concentrated, very ripe and fresh on the nose, offering strong scents of floral pastille, blackcurrant and candied cherry. Spicy and rich, the dark fruit flavors showing liqueur-like concentration and sweetness, but there's also brightness and clarity here. Finishes spicy and long, with a chewy texture and an insinuating sweetness. This is remarkably lithe in spite of its richness and power. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006

Previous Ratings:

2003 Vintage: 92 pts by Robert Parker June 2005



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AVAN



Name of Wine: AVAN Cepas Centenarias 2004

Producer: Bodegas Juan Manuel Burgos

DO: Ribera del Duero (Zone # 2)

Grape Varietal: 100% Tempranillo

Production: 100 Cases made – 15 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Juan Manuel Burgos

Ageing: 14 Months in French Oak Barrels

Notes:

Avan Cepas Centenarias 2004 IWC **93 pts**

Opaque violet. Very deep aromas of blackberry, boysenberry, candied plum, cherry liqueur, floral oils, tobacco and iron. Lush, weighty and thick but remarkably fresh and energetic, this very young and powerful wine only reluctantly gave up flavors of blackberry, cassis and cherry, along with notes of balsamico, licorice, chewing tobacco and iron. Impressively persistent and sweet on the finish, with a gentle, velvety texture and striking purity. Alas, only 15 cases (of 100 made) are coming into the U.S. market. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006

Previous Ratings:

2003 Vintage: 96 pts by Robert Parker June 2005