



# ARTISANAL WINES FROM SPAIN & PORTUGAL

## Vizcarra Merlot

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Juan Carlos Vizcarra is a man of intensity, passion, and incredible ambition. Though his family has grown grapes in northern DO Ribera del Duero for more than four generations, he was the first to make estate-bottled wine from this fruit starting in 1991. The story goes that when he was a boy, he noticed that the historic estates of Vega Sicilia and Pesquera would come to his family in bad vintages to buy fruit. Realizing that his family must have truly special vineyards of the highest quality, Juan Carlos took it upon himself to begin producing wines to express this blessed terroir and heritage.

**RATING HISTORY:** 2016 91 WA; 2016 90 WS

**GRAPE:** 100% Merlot. These are 20 year-old vines located at 840m (2,755 ft.) of altitude

**VINIFICATION AND AGEING:** Destemming before fermentation. Maceration lasts 16 days in open tank with crushing twice a day. The wine ages for 24 months in new and one-year-old, 225-liter French oak barrels.

**ALCOHOL CONTENT:** 14.5%

**UPC CODE:** 8437019718831

