



NV Bodegas San Francisco Javier Fino Viña Corrales Pago Balbaína

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Bodegas San Francisco Javier
96+	\$50	2021 - 2028	
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	From: Spain , Andalucía , Jerez
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Type: Fortified

Sweetness: Dry

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Variety: Palomino

The NV Fino Viña Corrales Pago Balbaína was bottled in 2021, clearly shown on the label and on the cork. It has a round, lush and buttery texture, a full-bodied palate and very pungent flavors. What surprised me from this bottling is the freshness and elegance that makes the wine feel lighter and easier to drink. This feels one step above the first bottling I tasted last year. It has incredible aromatics that are super complex, with notes of diesel, potpourri, wet chalk, esparto grass and yeasts. This is simply superb and even difficult because it's soooooo easy to drink. In 2020, they did two bottlings, or sacas, in the spring and autumn, which is quite usual because the idea is to do only one bottling per year. In 2021, they bottled a little bit later, trying to soften the character of the "beticus" yeasts. They filled some 7,500 bottles in May 2021. This was bottled completely "en rama," unfiltered and unfined.