



**Name of Wine:** Blanco Nieva  
"Sauvignon Blanc"

**Producer:** Viñedos de Nieva

**Region:** Rueda, Spain

**Vintage:** 2008

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Sauvignon Blanc

**Vine Ages:** Average 16 years old

**Grape Source:**

**Vineyards:** 5 ha of estate owned vineyards at  
2,789 ft

**Soil:** High concentration of sand

**Yields:** 9,500 kg/ha

**Vinification:**

**Harvest:** Harvested at night to preserve the freshness of the fruit.

**Maceration/Fermentation:** Fermented in stainless steel tanks. No oak aging or malolactic fermentation.

**Other:**

**Alcohol Volume:** 12.5%

**Ratings:** 100 Points Vinos Unico Staff

**Tasting Notes:**

A light straw color with a soft greenish tint. Intense nose reminiscent of citrus fruit, fresh garden herbs, and exotic tropical fruit. The palate is bright and juicy with grapefruit, ripe Meyer lemons, and pineapple. Dry, light to medium bodied, with tart acidity, and a zesty though slight bitterness on the finish. This is a very distinct style of Sauvignon Blanc, somewhere in between New Zealand and Sancerre with a twist of tropical flavors something I believe Celia Cruz would enjoy!

**History:**

Viñedos de Nieva is located in the western-most portion of Rueda in the small town of Nieva. Established in 1989, Viñedos de Nieva helped to restore what was once a thriving industry during previous centuries in Nieva. For hundreds of years, the Jeronimo Monks controlled the town's vineyards and winemaking. Later, after their departure from the area, the town's people took over. By 1989 the vineyards were in disarray and it took Jose Maria Herrero and his family a great deal of effort to salvage some of the older vineyards. The Herrero Family currently owns 55 hectares planted with Verdejo vines and 5 hectares of Sauvignon Blanc vines. Some vines are approximately 150 years old. All of the grapes used to make the Blanco Nieva wines are estate grown. In fact, Viñedos de Nieva uses only the top 50% of their grape production to make their own wines. They sell the remaining 50% to other local producers.

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