



FAMILIA CASTAÑO

## Bodegas Castaño 'Solanera' Viñas Viejas 2012

94 Point Monastrell blend—Robert Parker

### BACK DUE TO POPULAR DEMAND!

We first introduced the 'Solanera' in September last year and it proved to be immensely popular. We quickly sold out, but 'Solanera' fans, and those who missed out the first time round, will be delighted to hear we have secured additional stocks. Drinking now, this wine will develop over the next few years—but stocks are limited so do order yours soon!

The Castaño family has 410 hectares of vineyards in Yecla, an up-and-coming wine region in south eastern Spain. Ramón Castaño Santa has always firmly believed in the potential of Monastrell, the Spanish strain of Mourvèdre native to the region. He began to modernise production in the early 1950s, building a new winery, expanding and improving the family vineyard holdings and bottling his first wines in the 1980s. These steps, combined with making the most of the extensive old vine plantings, has seen quality steadily improve.

Now run by Ramón's son Daniel, Bodegas Castaño continues to be a Monastrell specialist and the wines embody the best of what southern Spain has to offer: rich, ripe and warm Mediterranean flavours from grapes grown at altitude without irrigation. The wines are rooted in tradition, but robustly modern in style, with an almost Syrah-like complexity and they over-deliver in terms of value year after year.

**Bodegas Castano 'Solanera' Viñas Viejas 2012, Yecla DO, Spain 14.5%**

**SL42293**

**Was £14.99 Save 10%**

**Now just £13.49**

*A deep, purple-red colour with perfumed aromas of dark berries and smoky fennel notes. Full-bodied on the palate with bramble fruit plum, blueberry and cedar flavours with a hint of rich molasses and a long, spicy finish. It makes a wonderful partner to beef, pork shoulder, herby sausages or mature cheeses. Drink now to 2017+.*

*'... even more remarkable is the 2012 Solanera Viñas Viejas, a blend of 70% Mourvèdre, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon and 15% Grenache aged 10 months in a combination of French and American oak. A custom cuvee...this amazing red wine displays notes of lead pencil shavings, acacia flowers, black raspberries, blueberries and black currants. This full-bodied, intense 2012 tastes like it should cost three to five times as much. Full-bodied, stunningly pure and textured, it should last for 4-5 years, possibly longer'.*

**94 Points—Robert Parker, November 2013.**