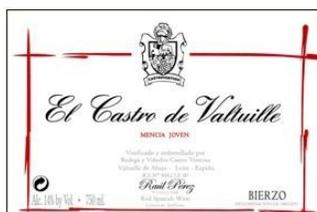


# Bodegas y Vinedos Castro Ventosa

**Castro Ventosa was founded by the Perez family in 1752 and the family remains the owner today. They own 75 hectares of Mencia vineyards in Bierzo, making them the largest owner of this varietal within the Bierzo D.O. This outstanding D.O. is located in the northwest of the Province of Castilla y Leon where the Mencia grape is indigenous to the region. Raul Perez is a member of the family and is the winemaker.**



## Castro Ventosa 2011 El Castro de Valtuille Joven

**90 points**

*Stephen Tanzer's IWC*

"Inky purple. Spicy aromas and flavors of blackberry and boysenberry, with a suave floral nuance gaining strength with air. Juicy, supple and appealingly sweet, with very good finishing punch, a hint of bitter cherry and no rough edges. This wine struck me as a cross between a serious Beaujolais and a ripe Chinon."



## Castro Ventosa 2008 El Castro de Valtuille

**90 points**

*Stephen Tanzer's IWC*

"Vivid ruby. Ripe cherry, redcurrant and plum on the nose, with oak spice accents and a touch of black cardamom. Rich, supple and juicy, offering bitter cherry and dark berry flavors and a late jolt of cracked pepper. Deep, nicely concentrated and long on the gently tannic finish."



## Castro Ventosa 2009 Valtuille Cepas Centenarias

**93 points**

*Stephen Tanzer's IWC*

**from pre-phylloxera vineyards**

"Glass staining ruby. Blackberry, Asian spices, violet and candied licorice on the perfumed, vibrant nose. Creamy and super-ripe, with an exotic, liqueur-like quality to its red and dark berry compote flavors. At once concentrated and lithe, showing alluring sweetness and vivacity on the extremely long, gently tannic finish."



## Castro Ventosa 2007 La Cova de la Raposa

**94 points**

*The Wine Advocate*

**La Cova de la Raposa is a pre-phylloxera single vineyard**

"The 2007 Valtuille La Cova de la Raposa is another small step up the qualitative ladder. It reveals a similar personality to the Cepas Centenarias but with additional aromatic complexity and a bit more length."