



## Vega Sicilia Único 2009

### Buy New 98 Point Único in Primary Market

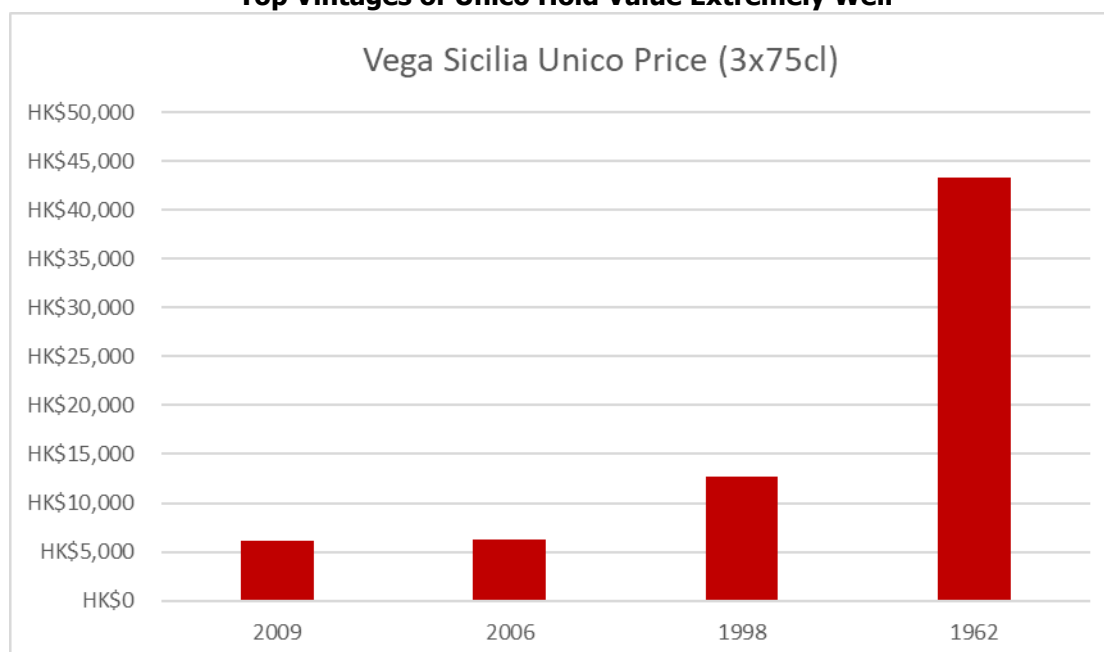
- Vega Sicilia Único is Spain's '**First Growth**' and **top investment wine**. Vega Sicilia Único has a great long-term track record of value preservation.
- The recently released Único 2009 (98 WA) is the **second highest scoring** ever Único (1998 and 2006 also get 98 points, 1962 gets 100 points).
- Único preserves value because it is a **globally recognised icon** made in **small quantities** (only 74,000 bottles of 2009). Supply **dries up** quickly on the secondary market. Only 1 or 2 cases of the 1998 or 1962 are available to buy today.
- Único 2009 has a drinking window to 2035, making it a **long-dated investment**.
- It is important to buy Único on release as afterwards it is almost **impossible to buy** more than a couple of bottles at a time.

### Vega Sicilia Único – Why is it Collectable?

Vega Sicilia Único is **Spain's 'First Growth'**. It is the highest ranking Spanish wine on Liv-ex.com's 'Power 100' list. The winery was founded in 1864 by Don Eloy Lecanda y Chaves, who arrived from Bordeaux with cuttings of Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Malbec. These were planted amongst the local Tinto Fino, a clone of Tempranillo.

'Único' (unique) is the flagship wine of the estate and is typically released after 10 years of ageing. Vega Sicilia also makes a Reserva Especial in some years, which is a blend of top vintages. Único can age beautifully for decades. The 100 point Único 1962 will be drinking until at least 2020, according to *Wine Advocate*.

#### Top Vintages of Único Hold Value Extremely Well



## Vega Sicilia Único – Scarcity Drives Secondary Market Performance

Vega Sicilia shoulders far more of the working capital burden than is typical in fine wine. Unlike Bordeaux wines, Vega Sicilia Único is typically released only after 10 years of aging. The 2009 has already been in bottle since 2015.

Único is also made in very small quantities. For the 2009, the production was just 74,274 bottles, 3,390 magnums, 209 double magnums and 22 imperials. This is only 20-25% of the production of First Growth Bordeaux. What this means is the secondary market dries up very quickly, and given the aging potential of the wine, and its global following, the price gets squeezed upwards with time.

### Secondary Market Availability of Older Únicos is almost Non-existent

98+ WA Point Únicos				
Year	Price (3x75cl)	WA Score	Premium to 2009	Cases Available (Globally)
2009	HK\$6,150	98	-	100+
2006	HK\$6,324	98	2.8%	45
1998	HK\$12,750	98	107.3%	2
1962	HK\$43,350	100	604.9%	1

Source: wine-searcher.com (pro edition)

## Vega Sicilia Único – Relatively Cheap Versus First Growth Bordeaux

Vega Sicilia Único is the 'First Growth' of Spain. However, it is made in much smaller quantities than First Growth Bordeaux. But it is still far cheaper than comparable Bordeaux wines, further strengthening our confidence in its value preserving potential.

Unico Versus 2009 First Growth Bordeaux				
Producer	Year	Price (6x75cl)	WA Score	Premium to Unico 2009
Vega Sicilia Unico	2009	HK\$12,300	98	-
Chateau Haut-Brion	2009	HK\$32,436	100	163.7%
Chateau Margaux	2009	HK\$34,119	98	177.4%
Chateau Mouton Rothschild	2009	HK\$28,764	99	133.9%
Chateau Lafite	2009	HK\$38,607	97	213.9%
Chateau Latour	2009	HK\$78,540	100	538.5%

## Vega Sicilia Unico – The Critics' Views



**98 Points**

**Wine Advocate**

*I tasted a bottle of the 2009 Único blind and was taken by the freshness, the red fruit notes and the Burgundian-like characteristics of this vintage, which on paper was quite warm and dry. I also tasted the 2009 Valbuena, which is always more approachable, and was blown away by its aromatics. With time in the glass the Único opened up and got closer to the character of Valbuena but with more depth and clout, while showing extremely elegant. I tasted it again in the context of all the wines from the group, and it delivered all that I saw when I tasted it blind. It takes some time to unfurl its aromatic palette, and it feels young and somewhat undeveloped, younger than it is. It has a touch that made me think of the old vintages of Único on the nose but with very polished tannins and a soft mouthfeel that provides elegance. This is a wine that ages for no less than ten years before it's released. 2009 seems like a great vintage for Vega Sicilia, much better than what I anticipated. It should develop nicely in bottle. 74,274 bottles, 3,390 magnums, 209 double magnums and 22 imperials were produced. It has been in bottle since June 2015.*

**Drinking Window:** 2020 - 2035

**Reviewer Name:** Luis Gutiérrez

**Review Date:** 31st January 2019

**98 Points**

**James Suckling**

*The élevage is complex, building from smaller barrels to larger barrels over a period of six years, finishing in larger vats. Then four years in bottle. Non-sequential releasing with the 2005 and 2006 being released after the 2007 and 2008. This 2009 has good ripeness and deep fruit-presence on the nose with rich red and dark plums, subtly earthy spice, cedar and fresh tobacco. There's terrific concentration on the palate and very ripe dark-plum, blueberry and cherry flavors. The tannins are fresh, very long and carry flavors deep. Natural freshness and effortless power, too — a hallmark of Unico! Very open-knit and approachable now, this will age for two decades easily, and then some more.*

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