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Wine With Game

....They reflect the crisp structure of Fowles' 360 acres of vineyards in the rocky hills of the Strathbogie range, overlooking the Goulburn Valley in central Victoria. The overused term "food wine" actually applies here. The wines are lively and flavorful, in a lighter style, on their own, but they really do come into their own with the food Fowles had in mind when he named them...."

- Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator -

Fowles Wine

Victoria, Strathbogie Ranges

Fowles Wine is located in the dramatic granite landscape of Strathbogie Ranges region of Victoria, Australia, where they craft some of the country's finest cool-climate wines. The Strathbogie Ranges are characterised by massive granite boulders that have given rise, over millions of years, to sandy loam soils; together with the cool climate and large amount of sunshine, this region is perfectly suited to grape growing.

Fowles Wine was created by Matt Fowles. A former lawyer who swapped the vitriol for the vineyard, Matt is an avid food and wine lover, and spends much of his time roaming the Strathbogies in search of the ultimate wild food and wine match. Matt and his wife Louise created 'Ladies Who Shoot Their Lunch' specifically to match with wild game. Food and wine pairing is the main driving force behind Fowles wine, which is directly reflected in their marketing strategy; from the wine labels themselves to a heavy focus on restaurant programs, cookbooks and even complete dining experiences at the winery, everything at Fowles Wine is focused on the marriage of food and wine.



Upton Run Vineyard Reserve Riesling 2008

Fowles Wine

92 Points, James Halliday's Wine Companion 2016

"Displaying hues of pale green, on the nose the wine reveals lime and lychee aromas. This Riesling offers pristine, dry, crisp lemon and lime notes with classic Strathbogie minerality on an elegantly flinty palate. A classic example of how wonderful aged Riesling from the Strathbogie Ranges can be."

Gold & Trophy: Canberra International Riesling Challenge 2015
Gold: Victorian Wine Show 2015

Details

Order Code: 456395
 Availability: September

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
 Packaging: Cardboard Case
 Closure: Screwcap

Region: Victoria
 Appellation: Strathbogie Ranges
 Colour: White
 Grape(s): 100% Riesling
 Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 12.6%
 Sugar: <5 g/L
 Acidity: 7.0 g/L

Aging: Not Aged



Farm To Table Chardonnay 2013

Fowles Wine

Winemaker's Note

"The fruit for this wine was harvested from our family vineyards and another lovely neighbouring vineyard in the Strathbogie Ranges between 23 February and 7 March 2013. We harvested the Chardonnay grapes during the cool of night to ensure fruit temperature is low to preserve primary fruit flavours. This wine was fermented at around 13° C and in stainless steel tanks to preserve primary fruit flavours. We used two yeast strains called EC1118 and D47 because they both ferment well at low temperatures and, as relatively neutral yeasts, allow the natural aroma and flavour characteristics of Chardonnay to express themselves well. This wine is pale lemon in colour with aromas of stone fruit and melon. Full of fresh peach and honeydew melon, the palate is sprightly and smooth with great length of flavour."

Details

Order Code: 456396
 Availability: September

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
 Packaging: Cardboard Case
 Closure: Screwcap

Region: Victoria
 Appellation: Strathbogie Ranges
 Colour: White
 Grape(s): 100% Chardonnay
 Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 13.5%
 Sugar: <5 g/L
 Acidity: 6.6 g/L

Aging: 4 Months in New French Oak
 Production: 3,000 Cases



Farm To Table Shiraz 2013

Fowles Wine

87 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Zesty aromas of fresh cherry, blackcurrant and cracked pepper, with a subtle hint of succulent herbs in the background. Tangy and focused on the palate, offering juicy, modestly concentrated dark fruit and allspice flavors. In a straightforward style, closing taut and spicy, with decent length and no tannins to speak of."

Details

Order Code: 456397

Availability: September

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Victoria

Appellation: Strathbogie Ranges

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Shiraz

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.4%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 6.4 g/L

Aging: 10 Months in New French Oak

Production: 16,000 Cases



Are You Game? Pinot Noir 2014

Fowles Wine

Winemaker's Notes

"The majority of fruit for this wine came from our vineyards in the Strathbogie Ranges and was harvested during the day between 1 March and 13 March in 2013. This wine was fermented in high tech sweep-arm fermenters to maximise flavour and colour. We fermented this wine between 25° to 28° Celsius and in stainless steel tanks to preserve primary fruit flavours. We chose to use a yeast strain called Enofoerm Burgundy. Isolated in the Burgundy region of France, this yeast has been identified for its qualities in helping develop Pinot Noirs with complexing characters. The majority of this wine was matured for four months using new French Oak (75%), with a small component (25%) aged in old French Oak. This Pinot Noir has been blended with a small component (5%) of Zinfandel sourced from a stunning vineyard down the road from ours that provides lovely delicate plum notes in this wine. With a dash of Zinfandel, this Pinot Noir is ruby red in colour. The nose is full of cherry and red plum aromas with subtle notes of oak. The palate is bright with rich red fruits, firm tannins and great length of flavour."

Details

Order Code: 456398

Availability: September

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Victoria

Appellation: Strathbogie Ranges

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 95% Pinot Noir, 5% Zinfandel

Aging Potential: 2019

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 6.0 g/L

Aging: 4 Months in 75% New French

Oak

Production: 5,000 Cases



Are You Game? Shiraz 2013

Fowles Wine

91+ Points, The Wine Advocate

"Deep garnet-purple colored, the 2013 Are You Game? Shiraz offers notes of blackberries, black cherries, cassis, blueberries, some black pepper, violets and a hint of cloves. Medium to full-bodied and richly fruited in the mouth, it offers beautifully rounded, perfectly ripe tannins and a long, perfumed finish. An absolute bargain of a cracking Shiraz!"

Details

Order Code: 456399

Availability: September

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Victoria

Appellation: Strathbogie Ranges

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 95% Shiraz, 5% Viognier

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 6.8 g/L

Aging: 12 Months in New French and

American Oak

Production: 5,000 Cases



Ladies Who Shoot Their Lunch Riesling 2015 *Fowles Wine*

94 Points, James Halliday's Australian Wine Companion

"Part was fermented in a used 4500l cask and kept on lees, part conventionally cool-fermented in stainless steel, 8% pinot Gris (wild-fermented in used French oak) was blended in. After nigh on a year, the wine is still quartz-white in (non) colour. The bouquet and palate are also still waking up, but they're made of the right stuff, particularly the crisp, crunchy palate. Patience will be rewarded."

Details

Order Code: 456401

Availability: September

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Victoria

Appellation: Strathbogie Ranges

Colour: White

Grape(s): 92% Riesling, 8% Pinot Gris

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 12.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 7.4 g/L

Aging: Aged in Stainless Steel Tanks

and Old Large Oak Casks

Production: 750 Cases



Ladies Who Shoot Their Lunch Shiraz 2013 *Fowles Wine*

97 Points, Dan Murphy's

"Utterly seductive from the get-go, with heady aromas of spice, aniseed, cedar and blackcurrant. The palate is full-bodied and plush with satin-like tannins and a remarkable length. It has all the requirements to age superbly, but it is so wonderful now that it will be hard to keep your hands off it. Since it's first release only a handful of years ago, this has deservedly earned a reputation as one of Australia's best Shiraz."

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Deep garnet-purple, the 2013 Ladies Who Shoot Their Lunch Shiraz is just slightly reduced to begin, which gives way after a little swirling to a great core of cassis, crushed blackberry and black cherry notes with touches of earth, tar and Szechuan pepper. Medium-bodied, it's quite taut in the mouth at this youthful stage with a firm backbone and long finish. I may be judging it a little harshly at this stage due to the reduction because it is by all other accounts a very fine Shiraz."

Gold: Victorian Wines Show 2015

Details

Order Code: 456400

Availability: September

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Victoria

Appellation: Strathbogie Ranges

Colour: Red

Grape(s):

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.4%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 6.4 g/L

Aging: 12 Months in Old and New

French and English Oak

Production: 4,000 Cases



"Started in 2004 by husband and wife team Bruce Clugston and Fiona White, Gotham has since been consistently forging great value wines from well-chosen vineyard sites offered at sometimes unbelievable price points for the quality."

- Lisa Perotti-Brown, The Wine Advocate -

Gotham Wines

Western Australia

Gotham Wines was established as a small negociant business in 2004, by the husband and wife team of Bruce Clugston and Fiona White. Just over 10 years later, Gotham Wines has evolved to become a collection of wine brands represented in major markets around the world, and to great critical acclaim. In late 2013, Gotham Wines established its permanent home-base in Langhorne Creek, Western Australia, and has flourished ever since. Gotham Wines produces outstanding value-for-money wines under the quirky 'Wine Men of Gotham' label and distinctive, more premium wines, under the 'Gotham' brand.

Wine Men of Gotham is a series of single-varietal, young and fruit-driven wines, which are meant to be enjoyed as early as possible, but best

Gotham Wines takes its name from the mystical name for New York City. It was the great American writer Washington Irving who first named New York 'Gotham' in his 1807 periodical, 'The Salmagundi'. Gotham Wines aims to produce the best-valued premium wine that money can buy.



Wine Men Of Gotham Moscato 2016 Gotham Wines

Tasting Notes

"This delicious fizzy Moscato displays lifted and intense aromas of rose petal, Turkish delight and notes of Muscat. Hints of spice on the palate, with fruit driven sweetness balanced with good acidity and a touch of spritz."

Details

Order Code: 942345

Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Western Australia

Appellation: Western Australia

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Moscato

Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 7.5%

Sugar: 81 g/L



Wine Men Of Gotham Chardonnay 2016 Gotham Wines

Tasting Notes

"A fresh and un-oaked Chardonnay with lovely fresh fruit flavours of peach, grapefruit and pear with a hint of apricot and is complemented by floral aromas of honeysuckle and jasmine. The palate is fresh and lively and will complement a vast array of foods."

Details

Order Code: 942346

Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Western Australia

Appellation: Western Australia

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Chardonnay

Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L



Wine Men Of Gotham Cabernet Sauvignon 2014

Gotham Wines

Tasting Note

"This great Cabernet Sauvignon shows an abundance of flavour, with lovely blackcurrant, blackberry and cherry fruits, a touch of Eucalyptus and a hint of vanilla. The medium-long finish is soft and silky."

Details

Order Code: 942347

Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Western Australia

Appellation: Western Australia

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L



Wine Men Of Gotham Shiraz 2015

Gotham Wines

Tasting Note

"An outstanding value, this young and fruity Shiraz displays flavours of ripe plum and vanilla with soft tannins and subtle herbal notes. The lifted floral aromas lead to a juicy and savoury finish."

Details

Order Code: 942348

Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Western Australia

Appellation: Western Australia

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Shiraz

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 15.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L



Gotham Riesling 2016

Gotham Wines

Tasting Note

"This single-vineyard Riesling from the Clare Valley was picked during the cool valley nights to help preserve the crisp fruit freshness and natural acidity. An excellent Riesling that combines lifted aromas of citrus fruits, floral notes and lychee undertones with crisp lemon and lime flavours, producing a balanced wine with complexity and length."

Details

Order Code: 942349

Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screwcap

Region: Western Australia

Appellation: Clare Valley

Colour: White

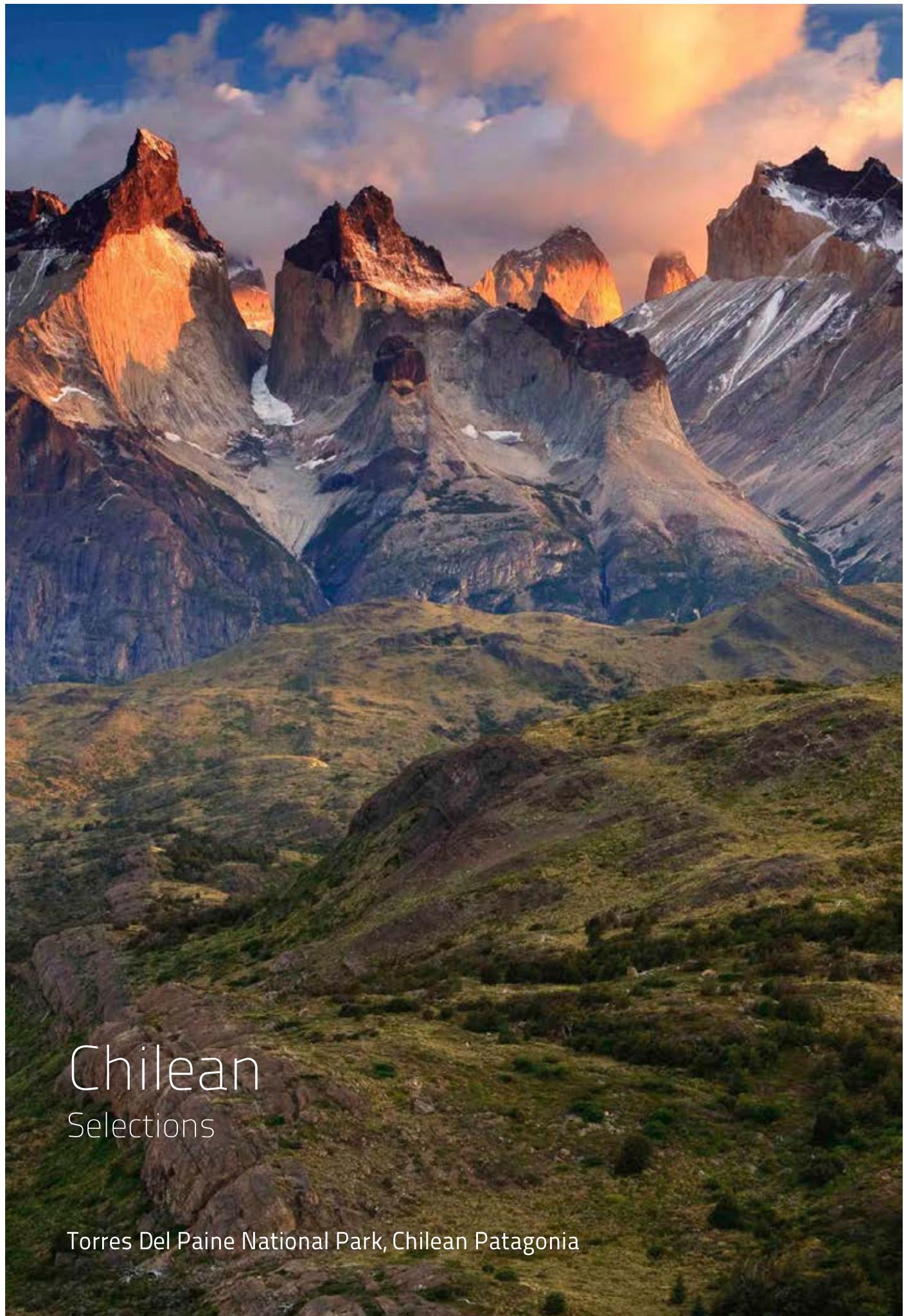
Grape(s): 100% Riesling

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 7.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: Not Aged



Chilean Selections

Torres Del Paine National Park, Chilean Patagonia



Chilean Wine Producer of the Year
International Wine & Spirits Competition 2010

Viña Canepa

Valle De Central

One of the great names in Chilean winemaking, Viña Canepa, located on the outskirts of Santiago, was founded by Jose Canepa, an enterprising immigrant from Italy. Canepa has played an instrumental role in modernizing the country's wine production; the firm was an early pioneer of Zinfandel, Pinot Noir and Chenin Blanc wines and the first producer in Chile to employ temperature-controlled stainless steel vats for fermentation of its whites. Canepa rose to international fame in 1979, when Finísimo was recognized as the "Fifth Best Wine in the World" by the prestigious French Gault & Millau Magazine, being surpassed only by the most exclusive French wines. Under the latest generation of the Canepa family, Canepa has purchased almost 1,000 hectares of land for planting with vines in Chile's prime Colchagua wine region.

In 2007, Canepa signed a strategic alliance with the Concha y Toro Group. As part of the Quinta De Maipo portfolio, which includes famous wineries such as Viña Maipo from Chile and Trivento from Argentina, Canepa has significantly strengthened its image and is now distributed worldwide. Canepa produces four lines; Classico, Novísimo, Famiglia and Finísimo, as well as two premium offerings; Genovino Carignan and Magnificum Cabernet Sauvignon.



Novísimo Sauvignon Blanc 2016

Viña Canepa

Tasting Notes

"A fresh, and lively Sauvignon Blanc showing excellent varietal and regional character. The nose reveals aromas of lemon, lime, grapefruit and light grassy and herbal notes. On the palate this light-bodied Sauvignon Blanc offers fresh acidity, with lemon and tropical fruits. Tangy and a little savoury, well-balanced and a fresh summery finish."

Details

Order Code: 556879
Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Screwcap

Region: Valle De Central
Appellation: DO Valle De Central
Colour: White
Grape(s): 100% Sauvignon Blanc
Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 12.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: No Aging



Famiglia Cabernet Sauvignon Reserva 2015

Viña Canepa

Tasting Notes

"The easy-going Cabernet Sauvignon shows bright and upfront notes of dark cherry, blackcurrant and plum aromas, followed by a hint of toasted oak. A medium-bodied red with soft and silky tannins and a surprisingly long finish dominated by ripe red and black berry fruits. Impressive balance of fruit and polished tannins."

Details

Order Code: 556881
Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Valle De Central
Appellation: DO Valle De Central
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 90% Cabernet Sauvignon, 7% Syrah, 3% Carménère
Aging Potential: 2019

Alcohol: 13.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 9 Months in French and American Oak



Famiglia Syrah Reserva 2015 Viña Canepa

Tasting Notes

"This well-made Syrah is rich and packed with ripe, black cherry and black currant fruits which are supplemented by lighter notes of cedar and vanilla. On the palate, it's medium-bodied with sweet dark berry fruits and finishing with ample soft tannins and lively acidity."

Details

Order Code: 556882

Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Valle De Central

Appellation: DO Valle De Central

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Syrah

Aging Potential: 2019

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 10 Months in Stainless Steel Tanks



Finísimo Carménère Gran Reserva 2013 Viña Canepa

Tasting Notes

"This excellent Carménère has an intense bouquet with blackberry, kirsch and blueberry jam, well-defined and pure. The palate is rounded and sensual with ripe black fruit and silky smooth tannins on the chocolate-tinged finish. This is a very well-crafted wine with a medium-long and satisfying finish."

Details

Order Code: 556883

Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Valle De Central

Sub-Region: Valle De Rapel

Appellation: DO Puelmo

Grape(s): 90% Carménère, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 11 Months in French and American Oak



Finísimo Cabernet Sauvignon Gran Reserva 2015 Viña Canepa

Tasting Notes

"A beautiful Cabernet Sauvignon displaying classic notes of cedar, spice box, violets, earthy minerals, black currant and blackberry aromas. The palate is plush, multi-layered and full-bodied with sweet fruits and a nicely-proportioned and lengthy finish."

Details

Order Code: 556884

Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Valle De Central

Sub-Region: Valle De Colchagua

Appellation: DO Marchigüe

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 93% Cabernet Sauvignon, 5% Malbec, 2% Cabernet Franc

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.4%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 13 months in 15% new French and American oak

French Selections

The Louvre, Paris





"Tendil & Lombardi is a relatively new, but very interesting producer in the Côte de Bar. Although I have never met one of the two, we got into contact via social media channels and so I have tasted three excellent cuvées that intertwine charm with tension."

- Stephan Reinhardt, The Wine Advocate -

Tendil & Lombardi

Champagne, Côtes Des Bars

Tendil & Lombardi was founded in 2006 by childhood friends Laurent Tendil and Stéphane Lombardi. Both came from Lyon where they first crossed paths as teenagers. Although Laurent was busy with judo and Stéphane was playing rugby around the clock, they quickly found their common ground in French gastronomy and fine wine, especially Champagne. After completing their studies, the childhood friends set out as working men in the world of food and wine, each harboring the dream of one day creating their own Champagne. Fifteen years later, Laurent and Stéphane finally decided to leave their successful careers behind and chase down this dream, despite the financial risks in the middle of an economic crisis. They began to blend their own cuvées with the help of a grower in the Champagne region, and in May of 2011, the first bottles of Tendil & Lombardi Champagne saw the light of day.

Tendil & Lombardi's grapes are sourced from vineyards in Côtes des Bars, located in the Aube Département. Côtes des Bars Champagnes are recognized for their strong character, elegant balance, and complex aromas, traits that are all easily recognizable in Tendil et Lombardi Champagne. To guaranty the highest quality, all of Tendil & Lombardi's cuvées are made solely from the first press of the grapes.



Cuvée Brut NV Tendil & Lombardi

90 Points, Wine Spectator

"The chalky texture and juicy acidity of this lively Champagne create a fine interplay with the bright flavors of ripe white cherry, poached quince, biscuit and fruit-forward pineapple."

The Independent, 10 Best Champagnes

"This is reportedly Sofia Loren's favourite champagne, and she clearly has good taste.... No champagne compares to Krug, it is simply the best. But it is clearly beyond the pocket of most of us, and that being so, we are very fond of the Tendil & Lombardi Cuvée Brut, which is a good friend to have in the cooler."

Glass Of Bubbly Magazine

"A young and contemporary Champagne house in the Côtes des Bars, Tendil & Lombardi released their first bottle in 2011. Despite being new to the scene, their cuvées are already sold in 14 countries and are very well received and highly rated by the international press. Their Champagnes are stocked in several high-end Michelin Star restaurants around the world, such as the luxury Five-Star Hotel 'La Reserve de Beaulieu' on the French Riviera."

Details

Order Code: 710268

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Champagne

Appellation: Champagne

Colour: White

Grape(s): 70% Pinot Noir, 30% Chardonnay

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 12.0%

Dosage: 9.0g/L

Production: 1,000 Cases



Blanc De Noirs Brut NV Tendil & Lombardi

90 Points, Wine Spectator

"Firm, juicy acidity finds good balance in this creamy Champagne, framing hints of yellow apple, black raspberry and verbena. A thread of freshly ground spices lingers on the refined finish."

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Light gold. Apple, pear and toasty lees on the nose, with notes of anise and dried rose adding complexity. Dry and gripping on the palate, offering firm, refreshingly bitter redcurrant and orchard fruit flavors and a hint of blood orange. Uncompromisingly racy, firm bubbly with very good finishing clarity and bite. The company calls this Champagne "Blanc de Noirs" but the label reads "Pinot Noir"."

91 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Blanc de Noirs, white Champagne only from red grapes, produces wines with some weight, as here. It makes for a rich, full-blooded Champagne, packed with red fruits while also cut through with intense acidity. The fruitiness gains shape from a zesty texture."

Details

Order Code: 710269

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Champagne

Appellation: Champagne

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Pinot Noir

Aging Potential: 2024

Alcohol: 12.0%

Dosage: 8.0g/L

Production: 2,000 Cases



Blanc De Blancs Brut NV

Tendil & Lombardi

91 Points, Wine Spectator

"Smoke and sea salt notes accent hints of quince, green plum, light toast and almond paste, and lemon curd in this minerally Champagne. Firm and well-balanced, with a fresh, lightly creamy finish."

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Pale yellow. Fresh melon, pear, tangerine and mint on the nose, with a subtle chalky quality adding lift. Juicy and fruit-driven, with vibrant citrus and melon flavors complemented by richer poached pear and fig notes. Finishes with tangy minerality and very good spicy persistence. This suave, seamless Champagne would make a great companion to a richly sauced fish preparation."

90 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"The wine has all the right crispness and steeliness of a Blanc de Blancs Chardonnay. It also has warmth, yellow fruits along with a touch of apple. That makes a wine that is full-bodied while not missing out on a tight, very fresh aftertaste."

Details

Order Code: 710270

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Champagne

Appellation: Champagne

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Chardonnay

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 12.0%

Dosage: 8.0g/L

Production: 1,500 Cases



Cuvée Hyménée Brut NV

Tendil & Lombardi

92 Points, Wine Spectator

"Open-knit and creamy, with delicate acidity lending a mouthwatering impression to the flavors of apple tart, lemon zest, grated ginger and a hint of marzipan. Offers a smoky, mineral-tinged finish."

91+ Points, The Wine Advocate

"Blending 50/50 Chardonnay and Pinot Noir including 40% reserve wines, the NV Cuvée Hyménée Brut is the "Grande Cuvée" of Tendil & Lombardi. The wine (which undergoes malolactic fermentation in stainless steel tanks) spends at least four years on the lees, and after disgorgement, another year in the cave. The most recent Hyménée was bottled in April 2010 and disgorged in November 2014 (dosage is 8.5 grams per liter). The wine displays a very clear, deep, rich, precise and elegant bouquet with mineral flavors and aromas of herbs, almonds, yellow fruits and brioche. This Champagne is full-bodied and round, yet pure, straight, fresh and highly finesse-full on the palate. This delicate cuvée has a tender, stimulating grip and refined fruit in the complex and well-structured, persistent mineral finish. This is excellent."

Details

Order Code: 710939

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Champagne

Appellation: Champagne

Colour: White

Grape(s): 50% Chardonnay, 50% Pinot Noir

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 12.0%

Dosage: 8.5g/L

Production: 700 Cases



Cuvée Rosé Brut NV

Tendil & Lombardi

91 Points, Wine Spectator

"This rosé shows a lot of personality, with nut and spice aromas and flavors lacing notes of kirsch, ripe raspberry, peach and candied citrus peel. This is well-balanced and accessible, displaying a slight grain to the texture and juicy acidity that results in a lip-smacking finish."

89 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Dark pink, virtually red in color. Aromas of cherry, botanical herbs and licorice show a faintly medicinal quality. Juicy and broad, with palate-coating red fruit flavors and gentle spiciness. Acts a lot like a light red wine, finishing with strong cut and grip and lingering bitterness."

Details

Order Code: 710271

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Champagne

Appellation: Champagne

Colour: Dark Pink

Grape(s): 100% Pinot Noir

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 12.0%

Dosage: 8.0g/L

Production: 500 Cases



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"One of the most admirable operations in Bordeaux is that of the Despagne family which produces extraordinary wines from such humble appellations as Bordeaux Supérieur and 1ères Côtes de Bordeaux. They are visionaries and revolutionaries making wines that can compete with some of Bordeaux most renowned estates."

"Anything from Despagne performs way, way above its official pedigree."

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -



Cuvée Réserve Blanc 2014 Château Tour De Mirambeau

The grapes for the Cuvée Réserve Blanc are fermented in steel tanks for 20 to 30 days at 18 degrees Celsius, and are further aged in stainless-steel tanks with fine lees until bottling. The lees are stirred twice per week for three months.

Winemaker's Notes

"A delightful wine nicely blended with the three Bordeaux grape varieties. Floral and citric aromatic notes, great backbone with clean acidity on the finish."

Bronze, Decanter World Wine Awards

"Fresh stone fruits with touches of sweetness and white flowers are layered through the palate. An interesting and easy-drinking wine with mouth-watering Sauvignon flavours."

Bronze, International Wine Challenge

"Nose is full of crystallised lime, sherbet and tangy fruit. Quite delicious with a gentle, creamy mouthfeel and a long finish."

Details

Order Code: 791235

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Bordeaux

Appellation: AOC Bordeaux

Colour: White

Grape(s): 52% Sauvignon Blanc, 38%

Semillon, 10% Muscadelle

Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 12.4%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 3.4 g/L

Aging: 3 Months in Stainless Steel

Production: 12.000 Cases



Cuvée Passion Blanc 2012 Château Tour De Mirambeau

The grapes for the Cuvée Passion Blanc are pressed at low temperatures with added nitrogen to prevent oxidation. Decanting occurs over several days in stainless-steel tanks at low temperatures. Half of the production is vinified in new oak barrels. Stirring of the lees occurs twice per week. The wine is aged in oak for ten months before bottling.

Winemaker's Notes

"Straw yellow in colour with golden glints, this wine displays complex aromas of tropical fruits (pineapple) along with nutty and buttery notes. Round and full-bodied on the palate with a persistent aftertaste and very well integrated oak. A harmonious and refined wine."

91 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"More toasty than fruity at this stage, this is a finely made wine with vanilla flavors that dominate the ripe tropical fruits underneath. Give it a year and the wine will balance out richly and smoothly."

88 Points, Wine Advocate

"The rich honeysuckle and tropical fruit, lavish, creamy texture, and dry, pure flavors are impressive in this beauty from the Despagne family."

Details

Order Code: 791236

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Bordeaux

Appellation: AOC Bordeaux

Colour: White

Grape(s): 70% Sauvignon Blanc, 30%

Semillon

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 3.5 g/L

Aging: 10 Months in New French Oak

Production: 2.500 Cases



Cuvée Réserve 2012 Château Tour De Mirambeau

The grapes for the Cuvée Réserve are fermented for two weeks. Maceration takes place over two weeks. Malolactic fermentation and aging takes place in stainless-steel tanks for one year. About 30% of the wine is aged in one-year-old French oak for six months before bottling.

Winemaker's Notes

"This 2012 displays a superb, brilliant ruby red colour and an aromatic, delicate nose of ripe fruit with hints of leather and undergrowth coming through. A clean attack develops on the palate with a good, fleshy structure of red berry fruit. Powerful tannins and a long spicy finish."

87 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Spicy wood adds to the fresh berry fruits that show strongly. With acidity balanced by the smoky flavors, it's a light, bright wine that will be ready to drink soon."

Details

Order Code: 791237

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Bordeaux

Appellation: AOC Bordeaux

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 85% Merlot, 10% Cabernet

Sauvignon, 5% Cabernet Franc

Aging Potential: 2019

Alcohol: 12.8%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 3.0 g/L

Aging: 30% in One-Year-Old French Oak for 6 Months

Production: 11.000 Cases



Cuvée Passion 2012 Château Tour De Mirambeau

The grapes for the Cuvée Passion are fermented in temperature controlled concrete vats followed by malacotic fermentation in French oak barrels. The wine is aged in oak for seven months and an additional seven months in stainless-steel tanks.

Winemaker's Notes

"This 2012 displays a superb, brilliant ruby red colour and an aromatic, delicate nose of ripe fruit with hints of leather and undergrowth coming through. A clean attack develops on the palate with a good, fleshy structure of red berry fruit. Powerful tannins and a long spicy finish."

87 Points, Wine Advocate

"Another over-achieving generic wine from the Despagne family, this sexy, soft, silky-textured, richly fruity and exuberant wine is as good as a generic Bordeaux can ever be. A tasty, well-made wine that sells for a song, it should be drunk over the next 3-4 years. It is natural to focus on the great Bordeaux estates that sell for the highest prices, but Bordeaux desperately needs more producers like the Despagne to produce wines such as this since more than 90% of the entire viticultural area is generic appellations such as Bordeaux and Bordeaux Supérieur. Bravo!"

Details

Order Code: 791234

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Bordeaux

Appellation: AOC Bordeaux

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 82% Merlot, 10% Cabernet

Sauvignon, 8% Cabernet Franc

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.3%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 3.0 g/L

Aging: 7 Months in French Oak and 7 Months in Stainless Steel

Production: 3.500 Cases



10 Unsung Burgundy Wine Producers

.....Founded in 2009, their output is a combination of domaine wines (three hectares) and purchased grapes, and their wines really "rock." I've tasted their 2010s and 2011s and can't wait to get my teeth into the 2012s. From Pommard and Chambolle to Saint-Aubin and Puligny-Montrachet, these bottles are definitely worth a detour."

- Bill Nanson, Burgundy Report -

Domaine Decelle-Villa

Burgundy, Nuits-Saint-Georges

Domaine Decelle-Villa is the love child of passionate winemakers Pierre-Jean Villa and Olivier Decelle. Villa, who had already established himself in classic producing regions of northern Rhône, had a dream to bring his winemaking expertise to Burgundy. He met his soulmate in Olivier Decelle, who has done amazing work in revitalizing Château Jean Faure in Saint-Émilion and Mas Amiel in southern France's Maury appellation. They shared a common vision - to make great Chardonnay and Pinot Noir that reflects the great terroirs of Nuits-Saint-Georges in Burgundy.

This exciting new venture has proven to be a success due to the incredible experience and knowledge from both men. As with all of Olivier Decelle's ventures, the quality of soil is a vital ingredient to the quality of the wine, so the three hectares of land are all managed biodynamically.

Burgundy specialist Bill Nanson (Burgundy Report) recently included Decelle-Villa in his list of '10 Unsung Burgundy Wine Producers', a collection of estates he compares to the early days of regional heavyweights such as Henri Jayer, Coche-Dury and Cecile Tremblay.



Bourgogne Chardonnay 2014

Domaine Decelle-Villa

Made from a blend of two top quality parcels situated in Puligny-Montrachet and completed by village appellation grapes, Decelle-Villa Bourgogne Chardonnay is very characteristic of the wines from Côte de Beaune. The Femelottes and Près de la Dame localities extend across the bottom of the slope of Puligny and are made up of chalky clay soils on a limestone parent rock that is typical of the sector.

Selected grapes are hand-picked and then gently crushed in our pneumatic press. After decanting for a night in vats, the obtained juice is placed in casks in our cellar where the alcoholic fermentation is undertaken without the direct addition of artificial yeasts. Decelle-Villa Bourgogne Chardonnay is matured for about 12 months in casks (15 to 20% new oak) and then blended in stainless steel vats for several weeks before bottling.

Tasting Notes

"This Bourgogne Chardonnay is light-colored with mineral and citrus aromas. On the palate, freshness and vivacity are underscored by fruity and slightly toasted notes with nicely melted oak. It goes perfectly well with onion tarts, seafood platters and fish, but can also be served on its own as an aperitif."

Details

Order Code: 945375
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Burgundy
Sub-Region: Côte-d'Or
Appellation: AOC Bourgogne Chardonnay
Colour: White
Grape(s): 100% Chardonnay
Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 12.9%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 4.0 g/L



Puligny-Montrachet Les Nosroyes 2014

Domaine Decelle-Villa

Situated just under Les Perrieres and nearby Les Folatières, the locality dubbed 'Les Nosroyes' is called after the walnut trees that used to be found here. This parcel at the foot of a slope, is made up of clay loams and some banks of marl. The terrain faces east and is limited to an altitude of 240 meters. As this vineyard is over 50 years old, it produces highly concentrated berries but always limited yields. The parcel's soil is tilled, but it is never treated with weed killers. Indeed, sulphur and copper are the only substances used to protect it from disease.

Handpicked, the grapes are transported to the cellar in small 15 kg crates, in view of preserving their quality. They are then gently pressed and fermented in 228-liter Burgundy vats without the use of artificial yeast. Decelle-Villa Puligny-Montrachet 'Les Noroyes' is a highly complex wine, requiring at least 18 months maturing to reach its full potential.

Tasting Notes

"Pale gold with slightly green tints and becomes deeper in color with age. The very expressive nose offers a floral bouquet of hawthorn and acacia. This is followed by aromas of flint stone and freshly baked croissant. Perfectly melted oak underscores all of these characteristics and highlights the palate's richness and vivacity. Pleasant in its youth, this is worth ageing for up to 15 years."

Details

Order Code: 945369
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Burgundy
Sub-Region: Côte De Beaune
Appellation: AOC Puligny-Montrachet
Colour: White
Grape(s): 100% Chardonnay
Aging Potential: 2028

Alcohol: 13.3%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 4.7 g/L



Saint-Aubin Premier Cru Sous Roche Dumay 2014

Domaine Decelle-Villa

Despite its name, which can lead to confusion, 'Sous Roche Dumay' is a 1er Cru Blancet, solely planted with Chardonnay. The small vineyard of Saint Aubin is close to Chassagne-Montrachet, as well as Puligny-Montrachet, and shares with its neighbors, the same type of top quality soils, favoring the production of great white wines. Saint Aubin 1er Cru Decelle-Villa draws its name from a parcels situated above a tiny hamlet called Gamay. Although situated at a fairly high altitude, it benefits from a very good southern exposure allowing the grapes to perfectly mature, even during cool years, and to compete with some Puligny wines.

The hand-picked grapes of Saint Aubin 1er Cru Decelle-Villa are delicately pressed and settled overnight before being transferred into 500- liter casks. Under the action of the grapes' natural yeast, the fermentation takes place in vats, followed by a 14-month maturing period.

Tasting Notes

"Refined and lively, Saint-Aubin 1er Cru Decelle-Villa unveils an aromatic palette, boasting notes of acacia, green almonds and citrus fruits. This is a precise wine that can be enjoyed in its youth."

Details

Order Code: 945372
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Burgundy
Sub-Region: Côte De Beaune
Appellation: AOC Saint-Aubin 1er Cru
Colour: White
Grape(s): 100% Chardonnay
Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 13.3%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 3.8 g/L



Bourgogne Pinot Noir 2014

Domaine Decelle-Villa

Made just from several parcels selected throughout Burgundy, Bourgogne Rouge Decelle-Villa is essentially composed of vineyard pockets located in small villages such as Mercurey, Ladoix-Serrigny or Savigny. The feature shared by these parcels is the limestone parent rock located within the entire Côte des Vins area. The continental Burgundy climate, alternating harsh winter conditions and hot summers, allows the Pinot Noir variety to fully reveal its true personality.

The harvest is handpicked and vinified according to the techniques used to make our other great wines, including careful grape-sorting on a table, 100% de-stemming and a long 3-week vatting period. After being gently pressed, the wine is then transported to the cellar where it is matured in oak vats for about a year.

Tasting Notes

"This offering is a deep red color with shiny attractive tints. It exhales generous red berry and morello cherry aromas, joined by spicy notes that gradually come to the fore as Bourgogne Decelle-Villa opens up."

Details

Order Code: 945376
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Burgundy
Sub-Region: Côte-d'Or
Appellation: AOC Bourgogne Pinot Noir
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Pinot Noir
Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 12.7%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 3.4 g/L



Savigny-Lès-Beaune Les Gollards 2014

Domaine Decelle-Villa

The Côte de Beaune vineyard extends across a limited area of 20 kilometers between Ladoix-Serrigny and the magnificent slope of Maranges. On this generally narrow hillside (little more than two hundred meters in width), benefiting from a marvelous easterly exposition, the world's greatest white wines and highly reputed red wines exit side by side. The reputation of the vineyard of Côte de Beaune is tightly bound to that of the town of Beaune - the true historic and economic capital of the Burgundy winegrowing region. Situated in the upper part of the village of Savigny-Lès-Beaune within the Bouilland valley, the two parcels used to elaborate this wine were acquired by our House in 2010.

The grapes are handpicked in 15-kg crates. They are then sorted on a table and transformed into wine inside oak casks. After around a 3-week vatting period the wine is gravity-fed into 228- liter casks, 20% of which have never been used before.

Tasting Notes

"This red ruby wine with purple tints exhales a fruity bouquet with cranberry, black currant and black berry aromas, combined with forest undergrowth, mushroom and spicy notes."

Details

Order Code: 945374
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Burgundy
Sub-Region: Côte De Beaune
Appellation: AOC Savigny-Lès-Beaune
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Pinot Noir
Aging Potential: 2027

Alcohol: 12.9%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 3.5 g/L



Nuits-Saint-Georges 2013

Domaine Decelle-Villa

Made from two parcels that are extremely close to one another and situated in the bottom half of the village of Nuits, along the border with Vosne-Romanée. The 45-year old vines are planted in complex soils comprising alluvial deposits, rich clay and iron oxide. This combination of factors produces a Nuits-Saint-Georges that is at once sophisticated and strong, thereby setting it apart from the other less well situated terroirs within the appellation.

Handpicked, the grapes are transported to the cellar in 15 kg crates. The harvest is then sorted by hand so as to solely use perfectly ripened and healthy grapes. 100% de-stemmed, the grapes are transformed into wine using the harvest's natural yeast. The vatting period lasts around 21 days and is guided by tastings in view of determining when the grapes have achieved perfect extraction. The wine is then gently pressed using our pneumatic press and then gravity-fed into casks with fine lees. The wine is matured for a period of 18 months in 228-litre oak casks, a third of which have never been used before.

Tasting Notes

"Shiny dark and deep red in color. Its nose exhales stewed fruit, truffle and spicy aromas. Its tannins are entirely expressed on the palate, within an imposing structure, thereby indicating a good potential for ageing."

Details

Order Code: 945373
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Burgundy
Sub-Region: Côte De Nuits
Appellation: AOC Nuits-Saint-Georges
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Pinot Noir
Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 12.8%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 3.7 g/L



Gevrey-Chambertin 2013

Domaine Decelle-Villa

The vineyard of Gevrey-Chambertin boasts 500 hectares of Pinot Noir, extending across the northern part of Côte de Nuits, just 15km from Dijon. It is renowned thanks to the work of the monks of Cîteaux, who have looked after it over the past 1,300 years. Situated at an altitude of 300 meters, this parcel extends across the middle of the village of Gevrey. Precisely located on the alluvial sediment of the Combe de Lavaux, it benefits from a complex geological structure, combining marl and red silt on calcareous brown limestone soils.

After being handpicked, the grapes are then carefully sorted on a table. Their juice is fermented with wild yeast and then matured in casks for a period of 18 months.

Tasting Notes

"Deep, dark intense red color, with refined aromas, evoking raspberries, licorice and black currant. The ample and silky tannins are underscored by pleasant acidity, suggesting good ageing potential."

Details

Order Code: 945370
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Burgundy
Sub-Region: Côte De Nuits
Appellation: AOC Gevrey-Chambertin
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Pinot Noir
Aging Potential: 2028

Alcohol: 12.7%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 3.7 g/L



Vosne-Romanée 2013

Domaine Decelle-Villa

Renowned worldwide for its great terroirs, the district of Vosne-Romanée is halfway between Nuits St Georges and Chambolle-Musigny. Famous Romanée-Conti or even Richebourg count among its great cru wines. The location specializes in reds. The grapes used to elaborate this offering come from the locality called "Aux Communes", situated just below the village. Its vineyard extends across alluvial clay chalk soils. The earth is light and well-drained.

After being handpicked, the grapes are then carefully sorted on a table. Moderate winemaking techniques are implemented, in view of preserving the terroir's true character and the expression of its finesse. It is matured for a period of 18 months in casks.

Tasting Notes

"Deep, bright color, with highly elegant aromas. It exhales notes of cherry, strawberry and forest undergrowth. The tannins are present on the palate, but well ripened. This is a very fleshy wine, offering great aromatic persistence. It will become even more complex after 15 to 20 years ageing."

Details

Order Code: 945367
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Burgundy
Sub-Region: Côte De Nuits
Appellation: AOC Vosne-Romanée
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Pinot Noir
Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 12.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 3.4 g/L



Pommard Premier Cru Les Epenots 2012

Domaine Decelle-Villa

Emblematic of Pommard, the locality known as "Les Epenots" extends across 10 hectares surrounded by walls. This name, designating an area with thorns, originates from a Burgundy dialect dating back to the 18th century. At present, it is one of the finest zones in Pommard. The roots of the 45- year old vines plunge down into a brown chalky clay iron- laden soil, with some limestone stones on the surface. Among its assets, the vineyard faces south- east and is situated on a gentle slope, offering good drainage when it rains.

The grapes are hand-picked in small crates and then carefully selected on a sorting table, before being made into wine in wooden vats. The juice is fermented for about three weeks in an entirely natural way. This small production (around 3 vats depending upon the year), is matured afterwards for around 16 months, including 30% in new oak.

Tasting Notes

"Contrary to preconceived ideas, the wines of Pommard are not necessarily hard and tannic. There are also terroirs producing highly refined wines as confirmed by our Decelle-Villa Pommard 1er Cru. The intensity of this offering's extremely expressive nose is surprising. It exhales notes of black currant and jam. Its tannins are refined and silky on the palate, revealing a hint of cinnamon."

Details

Order Code: 945368
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Burgundy
Sub-Region: Côte De Nuits
Appellation: AOC Pommard 1^{er} Cru
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Pinot Noir
Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 13.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 3.7 g/L





"Covering 13 hectares of old vines (45-90 years old) in Rasteau, this estate was taken over by Jerome Bressy in 1998. The farming is all organic, yields are minuscule and he produces a single red and white cuvee. Today, he's making some of the greatest wines in the Southern Rhône. Unfortunately, there's just not much to go around, but if readers want to taste the essence of these sun baked, south-facing slopes in Rasteau, don't miss a chance to grab some of these."

- Jeb Dunnuck, The Wine Advocate -

Domaine Gourt De Mautens

Southern Rhône, Rasteau

Gourt de Mautens is one of the hottest properties in the Southern Rhône. Within a few short years of hard work, winemaker Jérôme Bressy has already been compared to all-time greats such as Henri Bonneau and the late Jacques Reynaud of Château Rayas. To further cement his status as an uncompromising perfectionist, Jérôme recently declassified all his wines from AOC Rasteau to IGP Vaucluse; a shot aimed against the sometimes too rigid laws of the regulatory body of the AOC. When Jerome learned that the grape variety Picardin would be excluded from the new list of permitted grape varieties in AOC Rasteau, he opted out of the appellation. Committed to preserving the indigenous grape varieties of the Rhône, Jérôme uses minor grape varieties such as Picardin, Picpoul, Counoise, Vaccarèse, Cinsault and Terret Noir. Unwilling to part with what had rightfully been his since he took over the winery from his father in 1998, he maintained his steadfast conviction in the benefits of such diversity in his vineyards, and opted in favour of tradition over regulation. With his wines now labeled as IGP Vaucluse, Jérôme is now allowed to include all of his currently planted grape varieties in whatever proportion he chooses; he is also allowed to retain the use of the title 'Domaine'. Gourt de Mautens became certified biodynamic in 2008.



Gourt De Mautens Blanc 2013

Domaine Gourt De Mautens

91 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2013 IGP Vaucluse Blanc is a gorgeous, yet downright exotic effort that offers tons of lemony and tropical fruits, lees, citrus and exotic floral notes as well as a medium to full-bodied, layered, rich style on the palate that never comes across as heavy. I love its complexity; it has plenty of depth on the palate and a clean finish. Made from Grenache Blanc (and Gris), Bourboulenc, Clairette, Picardan, Roussanne, Marsanne, Viognier and Picpoul Blanc (is that every white variety?), aged in a combination of demi-muids and stainless steel, I'd lean towards drinking bottles in their youth, but I suspect it will also evolve nicely."



Gourt De Mautens 2008

Domaine Gourt De Mautens

91 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Possessing surprising depth and richness in the vintage, the 2008 Rasteau (a destemmed blend of 70% Grenache and the rest a mix of permitted varieties) was aged 12 months in demi-muid and foudre, followed by another 18 months all in concrete tank. It offers a beautiful perfume of sweet black cherries, currants, raspberries, cedar, spice-box and ground pepper, medium to full-bodied richness and a seamless, balanced profile. It's loaded with Provencal character and will drink nicely through 2023."

90+ Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright ruby-red. Sexy black raspberry and sandalwood aromas, along with a distinctly reduced animal aspect. Sweet and creamy in the mouth, with pungent, aromatic, almost Côte-Rôtie-like flavors of raspberry, flowers, pepper and spices. Offers a lush, seamless texture yet this is still stubbornly reduced and in need of some patience. Finishes with dusty, fine-grained tannins. Impressive, but I wouldn't uncork a bottle for at least a year. May ultimately merit a higher score."

Details

Order Code: 730013
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Southern Rhône
Appellation: IGP Vaucluse
Colour: White
Grape(s): Grenache Blanc, Grenache Gris, Bourboulenc, Picardin, Roussanne, Marsanne, Picpoul Blanc, Picpoul Gris
Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 13.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 250 Cases
Aging: 18 Months in 50% French Oak Barrels and 50% Demi-Muids

Details

Order Code: 730001
Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Southern Rhône
Appellation: AOC Rasteau
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 65% Grenache, 15% Carignan, 20% Mourvèdre, Counoise, Syrah, Vaccarèse
Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 900 Cases
Aging: 35 Months in French Oak Barrels, Demi-Muids and Concrete Vats



Gourt De Mautens 2009

Domaine Gourt De Mautens

96 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Also incredible, the 2009 Rasteau has a similar, decadent feel in its black raspberry, licorice, smoked earth, chocolate and saddle leather. A blend of 70% Grenache and 30% other permitted varieties, aged in a combination of demi-muid, foudre and concrete tank, it has full-bodied power, massive, yet sweet tannin and blockbuster levels of depth and richness. Drink it anytime over the coming decade or more."

92-93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Opaque purple. Heady aromas of dark berries, cherry pit, lavender and anise, with a bright mineral quality that gains power with air. Focused, impressively concentrated black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors. Fine-grained tannins give the persistent finish shape and grip but they play second fiddle to this wine's sexy fruit and floral qualities. Bressy also showed me his 2008 and 2007 Rasteaus: the '08 had uncanny heft and depth of fruit for that difficult vintage, while the '07 showed a wild array of floral and spice notes, along with sweet dark berry flavors."

Details

Order Code: 730002

Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Southern Rhône

Appellation: AOC Rasteau

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Carignan, Mourvèdre, Counoise, Syrah, Vaccarèsé, Cinsault, Terret Noir

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 950 cases

Aging: 34 Months in French Oak Barrels, Demi-Muids and Concrete Vats

Details

Order Code: 730003

Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Southern Rhône

Appellation: IGP Vaucluse

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Carignan, Mourvèdre, Counoise, Syrah, Vaccarèsé, Cinsault, Terret Noir

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 1,000 Cases

Aging: 34 Months in French Oak Barrels, Demi-Muids and Concrete Vats

Details

Order Code: 730014

Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Southern Rhône

Appellation: IGP Vaucluse

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Carignan, Mourvèdre, Counoise, Syrah, Vaccarèsé, Cinsault, Terret Noir

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 2,100 Cases

Aging: 34 Months in French Oak Barrels, Demi-Muids and Concrete Vats



Gourt De Mautens 2012

Domaine Gourt De Mautens

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"A true blockbuster, the Grenache-dominated 2012 IGP Vaucluse comes all from clay and limestone soils around Rasteau, and spent 24-36 months in a combination of foudres and demi-muids. Loaded with notions of black cherries, black currants, crushed rocks, licorice and roasted herbs, this beauty is full-bodied, voluptuous, sexy and gorgeously textured. And while it has tons of richness, it also has notable purity, good freshness and ripe tannin that frame the finish nicely. It's already hard to resist, but it will continue to knock your socks off for another 10-15 years."

Details

Order Code: 730014

Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Southern Rhône

Appellation: IGP Vaucluse

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Carignan, Mourvèdre, Counoise, Syrah, Vaccarèsé, Cinsault, Terret Noir

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

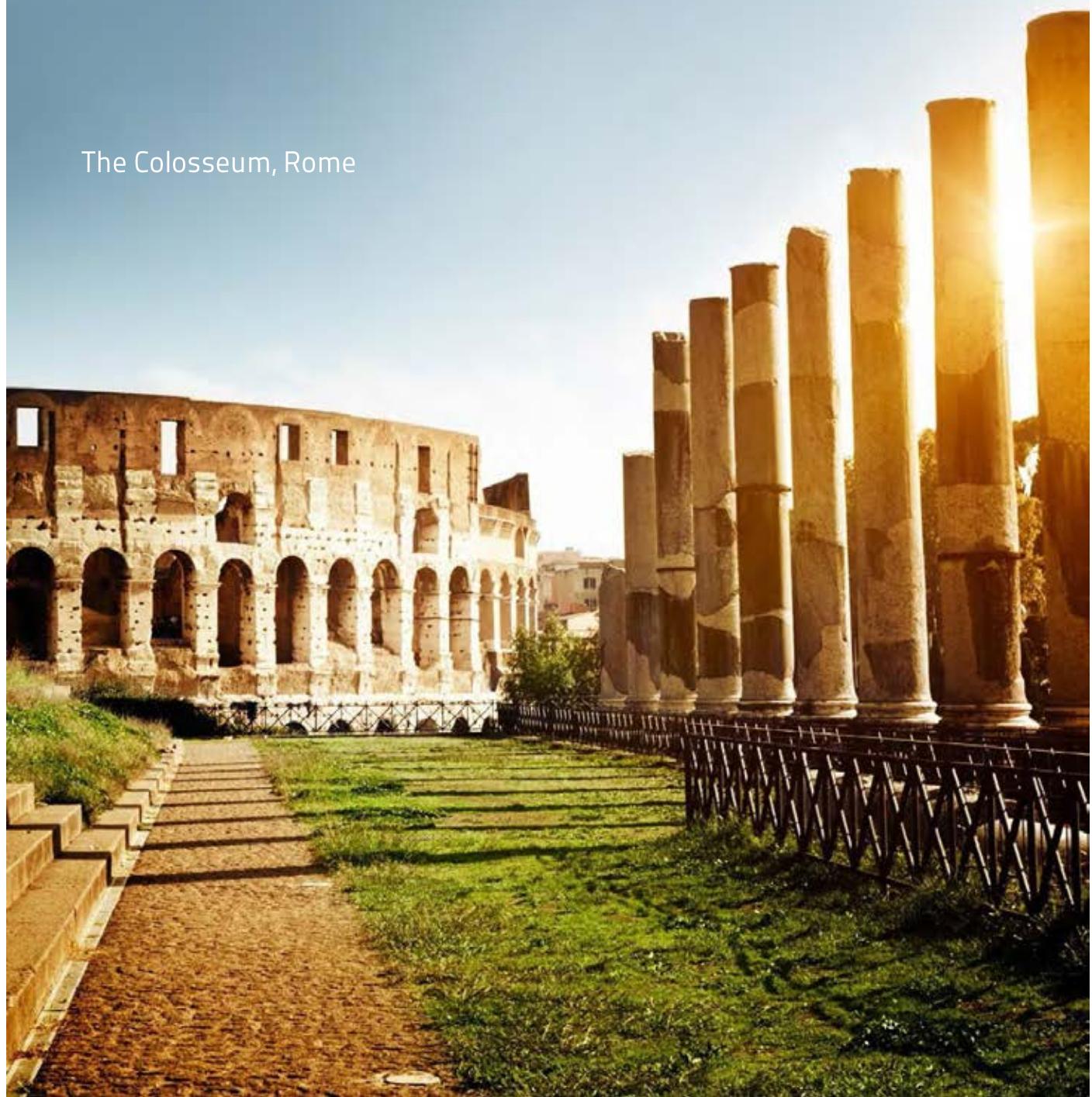
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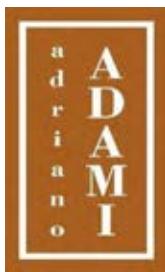
Production: 2,100 Cases

Aging: 34 Months in French Oak Barrels, Demi-Muids and Concrete Vats

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Adriano Adami

Veneto, Valdobbiadene Prosecco

Adami was established in 1920 by Abele Adami and his son Adriano. Together they purchased a vineyard called 'Riva Zardin', which enjoyed the exposure of a natural amphitheatre. In 1933 Abele was invited to the 'Mostra Mercato dei Vini Tipici d'Italia' as the sole representative of the Prosecco region; here he presented the first single vineyard in Valdobbiadene's history: 'Riva Giardino Asciutto'. Abele understood the potential and superior quality of this amazing vineyard and today, over 80 years later, 'Vigneto Giardino' is still made as a single vineyard. A wine of legendary status, Vigneto Giardino it is the benchmark for Prosecco today.

Adami's fermentation process is identical for all their sparkling wines. The first fermentation is achieved by lightly pressing and settling of the must, which is then fermented with cultured yeasts. The unfiltered wine is kept sur-lie in stainless steel tanks for three months. The 'Presa di Spuma' (second fermentation) takes place in stainless steel pressure tanks after the addition of yeasts and pure cane sugar to the base wine. While the wine re-ferments, bubbles develop naturally, at up to five atmospheres of pressure. This operation is repeated throughout the year, up to 100 times, to ensure freshness and complexity of aromas and taste in the sparkling wine.



Garbel Brut NV
Adriano Adami

89 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV Brut Prosecco Garbel is a pretty entry-level offering endowed with notable varietal character in its white peaches, pears and flowers. This is a beautiful, crisp Prosecco loaded with personality that comes through in the clean, mineral-laced finish."

88 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The entry-level NV Prosecco 13 Garbel is pretty and focused in its floral fruit. This delicious Prosecco shows plenty of energy and focus in an easygoing style."

Forbes

"The Adami family has been making exceptional Prosecco for almost a century. Their vineyards are top notch! First up is the Adami Garbel Prosecco. The name itself actually means dry, crisp or pleasantly tart. That sums this sparkling wine up quite nicely. Made from 95% Glera grapes and a bit of Chardonnay, this one offers a rip-roaring tide of bubbles in the glass. It's racy and intense. Pear and kiwi aromas, citrus zest and freshness in every sip. A perfect way to kick off an evening or celebrate happy hour."

Details

Order Code: 800003

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: DOC Prosecco Treviso

Colour: White

Grape(s): 95% Glera, 5% Chardonnay

Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 11.0%

Sugar: 12-13 g/L

Acidity: 6.0 g/L

Note: Because Adami bottles throughout the year, notes are an indication of the quality level only



Dei Casel Extra Dry NV
Adriano Adami

89 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV Extra Dry Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore dei Casel shows a bit more weight and body, largely because of the slightly higher residual sugar. Peaches, apricots, crushed rocks and spices are woven together nicely in this delicious, totally engaging Prosecco."

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright straw-green. Fresh white flowers, green apple and pear on the enticing nose. Gently sweet, fleshy and broad, offering pear and white peach flavors and a touch of chamomile. Finishes with good grip and above-average complexity and persistence. Well done."

Details

Order Code: 800005

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: DOCG Valdobbiadene

Prosecco Superiore

Colour: White

Grape(s): 95% Glera, 5% Chardonnay

Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 11.0%

Sugar: 15-17 g/L

Acidity: 6.0 g/L

Note: Because Adami bottles throughout the year, notes are an indication of the quality level only



Bosco Di Gica Brut NV

Adriano Adami

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Adami's NV Prosecco Superiore Bosco di Gica emerges from the glass with mineral-infused white fruit, smoke and crushed rocks in an intense, serious style of Prosecco I find appealing."

89 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV Brut Prosecco Valdobbiadene Superiore Bosco di Gica impresses for its energy and focus. Jasmine, light floral honey, pears and white peaches flow effortlessly from the Bosco di Gica. This beautifully delineated, articulate Prosecco is a terrific effort from Adami."

Details

Order Code: 800009

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: DOCG Valdobbiadene

Prosecco Superiore

Colour: White

Grape(s): 95% Glera, 5% Chardonnay

Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 11.0%

Sugar: 9-10 g/L

Acidity: 6.0 g/L

Note: Because Adami bottles throughout the year, notes are an indication of the quality level only



Vigneto Giardino Rive Di Colbertaldo Dry 2014

Adriano Adami

The 'Vigneto Giardino' vineyard has been owned by the Adami family since 1920 and is considered their finest estate vineyard. The term 'Rive', in the local dialect, indicates hillside vineyards planted on steep, rugged slopes. Adami released its first 'Riva Giardino' wine in 1933, made with grapes from the vineyard now called 'Vigneto Giardino'. Today the term 'Rive' is an officially-recognised term in the Valdobbiadene DOCG. Shaped like a natural, south-facing amphitheatre, the soil is composed of clay over calcareous rock. It's low in nutrients and fairly shallow, but well-drained. Vigneto Giardino is a wine of legendary status, it is the benchmark for Prosecco today.

89 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Ripe yellow peach, spring flowers and pastry aromas emerge from the glass. The creamy palate offers crisp Granny Smith apple, white peach and a confectionary note alongside bright acidity and a frothy perlage."

Details

Order Code: 800011

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: DOCG Valdobbiadene

Prosecco Superiore

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Glera

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 11.0%

Sugar: 19-21 g/L

Acidity: 6.0 g/L

Note: Because Adami bottles throughout the year, notes are an indication of the quality level only



Cartizze Dry NV

Adriano Adami

Cartizze is the name that identifies an area of 106 hectares in the municipality of Valdobbiadene. The most common theory regarding the origin of the name is that it derives from "gardizze", a local term for the racks used to dry grapes. Grown in the area around the villages of Sacco, San Pietro di Barbozza and Santo Stefano, Cartizze displays a youthful, fruity nose and delicate taste.

94 Points, Decanter

"While you may expect this sparkler to be more full-bodied coming from the cru of Cartizze – possibly the best site for the Glera grape – the beauty of this wine is its elegance. The nose is at once citrus, fruity and floral: mandarin, ruby red grapefruit and lemon curd marry with white flowers and acacia that jump from the glass. The length of the wine is incredible."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The NV Prosecco di Valdobbiadene Dry Superiore Cartizze is a special wine, no doubt about it. Intensely fragrant pears, apples, orange peel and spices emerge from the glass with remarkable richness, complexity and sheer purity. This is one the finest Proseccos on the market."

Details

Order Code: 800002

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: DOCG Cartizze

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Glera

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 11.0%

Sugar: 24-26 g/L

Acidity: 6.0 g/L

Note: Because Adami bottles throughout the year, notes are an indication of the quality level only



Riondo Amarone 2012

Gold & Best Italian Wine
Wine100 Challenge Shanghai 2016

The Wine100 challenge is one of the most influential wine competitions in China today. It is designed to recognize quality wines that offer the most value-for-money and with a special focus on the Chinese market. The jury is made up of both international and Chinese judges.

Riondo

Veneto

Since its establishment in 2008, Riondo has grown fast to become the undisputed leader of viticulture in the Veneto region, with over 6,000 hectares of vineyards that are managed by more than 2,400 associated farmers. Riondo's vineyards are spread out over all the major wine producing areas of the Veneto Region. From Valpolicella north of Verona, to Soave to the east of the city, and up to the province of Vicenza and Padova where their contracted farmers grow Prosecco. Riondo's most important white grape varieties are Garganega, Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay and Glera; for the red grape varieties, Corvina, Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon stand out. Riondo's wines are bottled under several branded labels, each with their own unique identity and focus on specific quality profiles.

The Riondo brand is dedicated to the production of DOC-level sparkling wines made in the Charmat method. The Casa Lunardi brand was created to produce fruity, light to medium-bodied entry-level wines. The Castelforte brand represents Riondo's premium range, dedicated to a selection of full-bodies DOC-level and varietal wines. The name 'Castelforte' is a fusion of the Italian words for castle and fort in honour of the castle and fortified walled town of Soave.



Prosecco Green Label Spago Nero NV

Riondo

Tasting Notes

"An amazing value! This light-bodied Prosecco offers delicious fruity and floral notes with persistent effervescence with a clean, frothy and delicate finish. This wine is all about embracing the joyful youth and vibrancy of Prosecco, rather than aiming for a more serious wine. There is not much body or weight in this crystal clean, pure, sparkling white, but that is exactly what it's aiming for. Delicious!"

Details

Order Code: 848100
Availability: September

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto
Appellation: DOC Prosecco
Colour: White
Grape(s): 100% Glera
Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 10.5%
Sugar: 24 g/L
Acidity: 5.6 g/L



Lunardi Pinot Grigio 2015

Riondo

Tasting Notes

"A bright and refreshing Pinot Grigio; crisp and fine with balanced acidity that finds beautiful contrast against almost sweet flavours of pink grapefruit, peach and passion fruit. Light-bodied, fresh and a crisp, medium-long finish."

Bronze: International Wine & Spirits Competition 2015

Details

Order Code: 848200
Availability: September

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto
Appellation: IGT Pinot Grigio Delle Venezie
Colour: White
Grape(s): 100% Pinot Grigio
Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 12.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L
Acidity: 6.0 g/L



Castelforte Pinot Grigio 2015

Riondo

Tasting Notes

"An outstanding Pinot Grigio, showing excellent varietal character. Bright, summery tropical and citrus fruit aromas with a hint of sage at the end. Medium-full-bodied with delightfully fresh citrus notes and a fairly intense, crisp finish."

Silver: Sommelier Wine Awards 2016

Silver: SAKURA 2016

Bronze: International Wine & Spirits Competition 2016

Gold: Mundus Vini 2015

Details

Order Code: 848104

Availability: September

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: IGT Pinot Grigio Delle

Venezie

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Pinot Grigio

Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 12.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 6.0 g/L



Castelforte Corvina 2013

Riondo

After a careful selection of grapes with high sugar content, vinification takes place with the 'Ganimede' system where the grape skins and wine are continuously mixed in order to extract color and tannins. The resulting wine is aged partly in stainless steel and partly in oak casks for 12 months.

Tasting Notes

"This pure Corvina has a deep, ruby-red colour. On the nose it shows powerful notes of black cherries and ripe blackberry with a hint of vanilla and sweet spices. It has a pretty dry and full-bodied, fruit-driven finish with soft tannins."

Gold: Berliner Wein Trophy 2016

Bronze: Wine100 Challenge 2016 (China)

Bronze: International Wine & Spirits Competition 2016

Details

Order Code: 848107

Availability: September

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: IGT Corvina Veronese

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Corvina

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: 8 g/L

Acidity: 5.6 g/L



Castelforte Merlot 2014

Riondo

A small selection of these Merlot grapes are dried on the vine with other parts dried in the winery, similar to Amarone. The vinification takes place with the 'technological tank' system where the grape skins and wine are continuously mixed by carbon dioxide in order to extract colour and tannins. The resulting wine is aged partly in stainless steel and partly in big oak casks for 12 months.

Tasting Notes

"This unique Merlot shows intense aromas of dried red fruits, blueberry and cherry with hints of chocolate and jam and pleasant spicy notes of clove and vanilla. It is medium-full-bodied with firm but soft, round tannins."

Bronze: International Wine & Spirits Competition 2016

Details

Order Code: 848105

Availability: September

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: IGT Merlot Delle Venezie

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Merlot

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: 10 g/L

Acidity: 5.6 g/L



Castelforte Valpolicella Superiore 2014 *Riondo*

After a careful selection of grapes with high sugar content, vinification takes place with the 'Ganimede' system where the grape skins and wine are continuously mixed in order to extract color and tannins. The resulting wine is aged partly in stainless steel and partly in oak casks for 12 months.

Tasting Notes

"An elegant Valpolicella with excellent body that shows intense notes of blueberry, cherry, liquorice, balsamic and eucalyptus notes. It is medium-bodies with soft, velvety tannins and a pleasant, medium-long finish."

Gold: Mundus Vini 2016

Bronze: International Wine Challenge 2016

Details

Order Code: 848108

Availability: September

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: DOC Valpolicella

Superiore

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Corvina, Rondinella, Corvinone

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: 7 g/L

Acidity: 5.8 g/L



Castelforte Valpolicella Ripasso 2014 *Riondo*

After a careful selection of grapes with high sugar content, vinification takes place with the 'Ganimede' system where the grape skins and wine are continuously mixed in order to extract color and tannins. During the winter, this Valpolicella is passed over the skins remaining from the production of Amarone using the traditional 'Ripasso' technique, which increases the alcohol, body and perfumes of the wine. The resulting wine is aged partly in stainless steel and partly in oak casks for 12 months.

Tasting Notes

"A great Ripasso with bold fruit aromas of Morello cherry and plump blackberry, followed by light spicy notes of cinnamon and clove. The wine displays soft tannins with an alluring note of sweet spices on the finish."

Gold: Berliner Wein Trophy 2016

Silver: Mundus Vini 2016

Details

Order Code: 848109

Availability: September

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: DOC Valpolicella Ripasso

Colour: Red

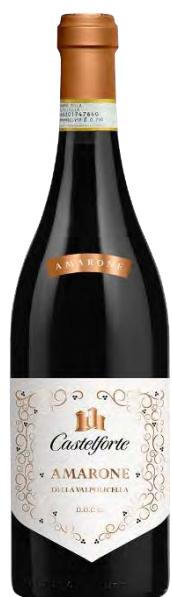
Grape(s): Corvina, Rondinella, Corvinone

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: 7 g/L

Acidity: 5.6 g/L



Castelforte Amarone Della Valpolicella 2012 *Riondo*

The Corvina, Rondinella and Corvinone grapes are dried in Riondo's temperature controlled warehouse until the January following the harvest. Fermentation on skin contact follows, with traditional and constant pumping over. This Amarone is aged in oak for 24 months.

Tasting Notes

"The long, slow fermentation process gives this wine its deep garnet red colour. This fantastic value Amarone shows a complex bouquet of cinnamon, cherry jam, walnuts, vanilla, espresso and Asian spices. The same flavours follow through on the palate with black cherry, toffee and coffee on the finish."

Best Italian Wine: Wine 100 Challenge 2016 (China)

Gold Medal: Wine 100 Challenge 2016 (China)

Gold Medal: Berliner Wein Trophy 2016

Gold Medal: Berliner Wein Trophy 2015

Gold Medal: Mundus Vini 2016

Details

Order Code: 848110

Availability: September

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Veneto

Appellation: DOCG Amarone Della Valpolicella

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Corvina, Rondinella, Corvinone

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: 6 g/L

Acidity: 5.6 g/L



"Lisini is one of Montalcino's historic, reference-point estates. The Brunellos are rich, savory and ample in body, all qualities readers will find in these new releases. The 2010 Brunello di Montalcino in particular is a real stand out."

- Antonio Galloni -

"Year in, year out, Filippo Paoletti's wines are some of Montalcino's greatest wines."

- Tim Atkin MW -

Azienda Agraria Lisini

Toscana, Brunello Di Montalcino

One of the oldest wine estates in Montalcino, the Lisini family were also one of the founding fathers of the original 'Consorzio del Brunello di Montalcino' back in 1963. The Lisini estate, or 'Casanova' estate by its correct name, has been in the Lisini family since the early 1700s; it covers 154 hectares (with 20 hectares of vines), planted on two-million-year-old Eocene sandy, clay and silt soils with a high percentage of iron. Located just a few miles south of the town of Montalcino, at Sant'Angelo in Colle, the fourteenth-century towered villa is steeped in one of the appellation's most beautiful landscapes, surrounded only by woodland and vineyards. Built with the region's typical stone and terracotta tiles, the villa perfectly blends into this natural backdrop with a harmony that is all Tuscan. Lisini's first bottling took place in 1967, coinciding with that of the original twelve producers of the Brunello di Montalcino Consorzio.

Filippo Paoletti has ensured that Lisini's superb terroir consistently expresses its full potential and unique traits. The estate's vineyards are located in the hills a little south of Montalcino, overlooking the Orcia valley (an area especially conducive to full, potent Brunellos). Filippo Paoletti and his team are responsible for making Lisini's five traditional wines, using cement and large oak casks.



Brunello Di Montalcino Riserva 2009

Azienda Agraria Lisini

Lisini's Brunello di Montalcino Riserva is sourced from the estate's finest vineyards consisting of predominantly tuffaceous clay. Lisini uses three different sizes of 'botti' (traditional oak barrels) to add structure, elegance, and the typical tobacco and spice aromas. The grapes are fermented and macerated for 20 to 26 days at 28 to 30 degrees Celsius. Malolactic fermentation and aging occurs in Slavonian oak for 48 months, with an additional six to eight months in bottle. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 2009 Brunello di Montalcino Riserva is a touch more finessed and fresher than the Ugolaia tasted alongside it, with firm tannins and plenty of acidity for the year. Smoke, leather, plum and wild herbs give the wine much of its complexity, but it is the wine's length, and in particular, the way the tannins extend the finish, that are most notable. This is a gorgeous 2009 Riserva as well as a rare wine from this vintage that has upside."

Details

Order Code: 720098

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: DOCG Brunello Di Montalcino

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Sangiovese Grosso

Aging Potential: 2035

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sugar: <5g/L

Production: 300 Cases



Brunello Di Montalcino Riserva 2009

Azienda Agraria Lisini

Ugolaia is sourced entirely from Lisini's 1.5 hectare Ugolaia single vineyard, planted in 1978, with the best Brunello clone grafts re-grafted onto wild vines. The grapes are fermented and macerated for 20 to 26 days at 28 to 30 degrees Celsius. Malolactic fermentation and aging occurs in Slavonian oak for 48 months, with an additional six to eight months in bottle. Bottled unfined and unfiltered. Ugolaia is the ultimate expression of the Brunello grape and while already great as a young wine, it will continue to develop and improve over two decades.

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"A dark, powerful wine, the 2009 Brunello di Montalcino Ugolaia shows the more virile, potent side of Brunello. Smoke, tar, licorice, incense and generous dark-fleshed fruit notes flesh out as this ample, large-scaled Brunello shows off its distinctive personality. The 2009 can be enjoyed now, but it will be even better in another few years, once the tannins have softened a bit further. Even with time, the 2009 will be a wine that speaks to power more than finesse. Still, the Ugolaia is one of the better wines for what was a very challenging year in Montalcino."

Details

Order Code: 720099

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: DOCG Brunello Di Montalcino

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Sangiovese Grosso

Aging Potential: 2035

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sugar: <5g/L

Production: 750 Cases



"Giampaolo Motta's Fattoria La Massa is one of my favorite estates in Panzano-in-Chianti. This tasting served as a happy reminder of why I love these wines so much. The 2012 Giorgio Prima is impeccable. It is a small miracle in what most agree was not an easy vintage. Mr. Motta evidently has that magic touch."

- Monica Larner, The Wine Advocate -



La Massa 2012 Fattoria La Massa

93 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Giampaolo Motta's 2012 La Massa wraps clean around the palate, imparting sassy tones of Mexican spice, tobacco and dark berry fruit. The blend is 60% Sangiovese with Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot and Alicante. The wine shows luscious dark concentration with equal billing to both the dark fruity component of the wine and its spicy, oak-driven spice. There's a firmness to the tannins that should soften with time."

93 Points, James Suckling

"A fresh, clean red with balsamic and chocolate character, plus fresh cherry. Full body, firm tannins and a juicy finish. Ripe, generous fruit. Always outstanding from here. A polished Super Tuscan. Drink or hold."

Details

Order Code: 740000

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: IGT Toscana

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 60% Sangiovese, 40%

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Alicante

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 5.5 g/L

Production: 10,000 Cases



La Massa 2014 Fattoria La Massa

La Massa is made up of grapes from 27 hectares of vineyards, all with southern exposure in the 'Golden Basin' of Panzano. The vineyards are planted at 360 meters above sea level. The soil is a mixture of scaly clay and galestro (loose marl and limestone). The soils fall into three distinct geological formations: an undifferentiated complex of clayey schist and calcareous marl, a formation of scaly yellow and grey marl (galestro) and a third segment of large blocks or layers enclosed in a clayey matrix.

91 Points, James Suckling

"Silky and savory red with light chocolate, cedar and berry character. Medium body, fine tannins and a flavorful finish. Subtle and pretty. Drink now or hold. Delicious."

Details

Order Code: 740013

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: IGT Toscana

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 60% Sangiovese, 40%

Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Alicante

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Acidity: 5.5 g/L

Production: 10,000 Cases



"Some relatively new and less popular names to watch from the region include Ampeleia, Fattoria di Magliano and Nittardi.... Ampeleia is a personal favourite since it is the Maremma project of the great winemaker of Trentino, Elisabetta Foradori."

- James Suckling, Hong Kong Tatler -



Unlitro 2014 Ampeleia

91 Points, James Suckling

"Delicate and delicious red with dried fruit and citrus peel. Medium body, light tannins and a savory, fresh finish. A fun wine from organically grown grapes. Drink now. And a liter!"

88 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 2014 Unlitro, Ampeleia's Rhône blend, is the most satisfying of the estate's 2014s. High-toned floral notes meld into sweet red berries, mint, rose petals and savory herbs are some of the signatures."

88 Points, Wine Spectator

"Aromas and flavors of fruitcake, wild herb, raspberry and spice mark this firm, crisp red, which picks up mineral elements, with a lingering, herbal note."

Details

Order Code: 740197

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 100cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: IGT Costa Toscana

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Carignan,

Alicante Bouschet

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 12.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 4,000 Cases

Aging: 6 Months in Cement Tanks



Kepos 2013 Ampeleia

92 Points, Wine Spectator

"This perfumy red exudes floral, raspberry, strawberry and mineral flavors, matched to a silky texture. Harmonious and long, presenting a fresh, bracing feel as the flavors linger. Grenache, Mourvèdre, Carignan, Alicante Bouschet and Marselan."

92 Points, James Suckling

"A delicious and delicate wine with soft and light tannins and a bright and fruity finish. Lots of dried strawberry character. Subtle. Drink now."

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 2013 Kepos is nuanced and silky on the palate, with a delicate expression of fruit and lovely overall balance. Crushed raspberries, rose petals and sweet floral notes are laced throughout."

Details

Order Code: 740198

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: IGT Costa Toscana

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Mourvèdre,

Carignan, Alicante Bouschet,

Marsellan

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 2,500 Cases

Aging: 11 Months in Cement Tanks, 7 Months in Bottle



Ampeleia 2012

Ampelaia

94 Points, James Suckling

"A pure and beautiful wine with pure blueberries, cherries and currants. Full body, very fine tannins and a long and delicious finish. Super. Drink or hold."

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 2012 Ampeleia is shaping up to be fabulous. Deep, layered and incredibly vivid, the 2012 presents an intriguing mélange of sweet plum, black cherry, spice and new leather. The Ampeleia is the most overt of the wines, but it also happens to be the most complete. Today, the flavors are naturally quite primary, but all the 2012 needs is further time in bottle. Ampeleia is mostly Cabernet Franc and Sangiovese, with a healthy dollop of other red grapes."

Details

Order Code: 740199

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: IGT Costa Toscana

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Cabernet Franc, Sangiovese,

Grenache, Carignan, Alicante

Bouschet, Marsellan

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 1,600 Cases

Aging: 16 Months in Wood and

Cement Tanks, 12 Months in Bottle

"I was deeply impressed with the wines I tasted from Ampeleia this year." – Antonio Galloni





"Fattoria di Magliano excels with rich, expressive wines built on texture. I found a lot to like in this year's crop of new releases. Tuscany has so many under the radar properties; this is one of them."

- Antonio Galloni, Vinous Antonio Galloni -

Fattoria Di Magliano

Toscana, Maremma

In 1996, Agostino Lenci turned his passion into a business, investing in a 97-hectare property in the small town of Magliano in the DOC appellation of Maremma Toscana. Although the region has a longstanding tradition of wine production, it was not yet internationally recognized for high quality wines; Lenci's vision was to bring glory to this little-known area. In recent years, the Maremma Toscana has emerged as a preeminent wine producing region and was subsequently granted DOC status by the Italian government. Fattoria di Magliano was at the forefront of this endeavor, receiving rave reviews from top critics and consumers alike.

Planting began in 1998 with Sangiovese and Vermentino, the region's signature grape varieties. At present, 52 hectares are under vine with smaller parcels of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Syrah, Merlot, and Petit Verdot interspersed throughout. Located a mere 10 miles from the Tyrrhenian coast, at 300 meters above sea level, the vines enjoy a Mediterranean climate. Premier exposures are balanced by cool sea breezes. The vines have developed deep root systems in soil, composed of sand and clay with a high content of lime and skeletal elements which provide excellent drainage. As of 2011, Fattoria Di Magliano's wines are certified organic.



Morellino Di Scansano Heba 2012 Fattoria Di Magliano

91 Points, James Suckling

"This is one of the best Morellino di Scansanos out there. Terracotta, chocolate and berry character throughout. Full and juicy with firm tannins."

89 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Palish red. Bright aromas of flinty red cherry, redcurrant and plum are complicated by smoke and truffle. Moderately dense and sweet, with fresh red fruit flavors lifted by dried flowers. Finishes with lovely savory persistence and substantial but fine tannins. Just lacks the concentration of the best vintages, but I consider Heba to be one of the top three Morellinos almost every vintage."

Details

Order Code: 722047

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: DOC Morellino Di Scansano

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 93% Sangiovese, 7% Syrah

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 12,500 Cases



Sangiovese Sinarra 2012 Fattoria Di Magliano

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 2012 Sinarra Sangiovese is quite pretty. Sweet tobacco, dried flowers and red stone fruits flesh out in a beautifully layered, expressive wine. In 2012, the Sinarra has a lot going for it, yet the style remains very much understated."

90 Points, James Suckling

"This is very focused and clean with dark fruits such as blueberries. Full body, firm tannins and a clean, fresh finish."

Details

Order Code: 720044

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: DOC Maremma Toscana

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Sangiovese

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 1,500 Cases



*"Italy's foxiest consulting oenologist?
Beyond a shadow of a doubt, it's Gioia
Cresti, who is also in charge of the
winemaking at her family's estate just
north of Siena and can demonstrate that
her talents in the cellar are equal to her
formidable good looks."*

- Antonio Galloni, The Wine Advocate -

Fattoria Carpineta Fontalpino

Toscana, Chianti

Fattoria Carpineta Fontalpino is located in central Toscana, in the area surrounding the historical town of Castelnuovo Berardenga, in the heart of the Chianti Classico region. This beautiful estate is surrounded by rolling hills covered in forests and vineyards. The predominant grape variety is Sangiovese, however significant portions of the vineyard are also planted with Merlot, Cabernet Sauvignon and Petit Verdot. The estate is owned by Gioia and Filippo Cresti.

Carpineta Fontalpino's owner and oenologist, Gioia Cresti, is responsible for all production phases, from the plant to the final wine. Gioia is also a highly sought-after consulting oenologist, who has worked with many Italian producers such as Badia a Coltibuono, Volpaia, Argiano, Col d'Orcia and more.

Carpineta Fontalpino derives its name from two historical places around the area of Montaperti; Carpineta is derived from the local trees with their silver-back leaves, and Fontalpino is named after the local water source. Carpineta Fontalpino's vineyards are composed of a mixture of clay and sand, supported by a layer rocks, at an altitude ranging from 230 and 380 metres above sea level.



Chianti Classico 2013 Fattoria Carpineta Fontalpino

95 Points, Decanter Magazine

"Fantastic winemaking. We start with a complex plum, dark cherry and dried red berry nose with a touch of Xmas cake, and move to a highly structured palate with the cleanest of fruit, ripe, fine tannins and good acidity. Long and pleasing finish."

91 Points, James Suckling

"A full-bodied red with lots of dried fruits and raisins. Round and velvety tannins plus a long and flavorful finish. Drink now."

91 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Enticing scents of violet, iris, perfumed red berry and a whiff of cake spice emerge on this vibrant red. The chewy, savory palate has good concentration for the vintage, offering black cherry, ground pepper, clove and licorice. Firm, mature tannins and vibrant acidity provide balance while a mint note backs up the finish."

Details

Order Code: 740002

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: DOCG Chianti Classico

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 90% Sangiovese, 10% Others

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 4,000 Cases

Aging: 12 Months in French Oak



Montaperto 2013 Fattoria Carpineta Fontalpino

92 Points, James Suckling

"firm and silky red with blueberry, blackberry and dried mushroom aromas and flavors. Full body and a fresh finish. This is tangy and bright, although very tight right now. A Sangiovese and Cabernet Sauvignon blend."

Details

Order Code: 740001

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Toscana

Appellation: IGT Toscana

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Sangiovese, Gamay,

Alicante

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 1,200 Cases

Aging: 12 Months in French Oak

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- Antonio Galloni, Vinous Media -

Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

Piemonte, Barbaresco

Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia has been producing wine for centuries and their wines have received high praise for many decades. It is one of the oldest family wineries in Piemonte, established in 1796 by Benedetto Elia who then purchased two hectares of Nebbiolo and Barbera vineyards in Bricco di Neive. By the turn of the 19th century, the winery had already established export markets around the world including the United Kingdom, the United States and Argentina. Two centuries later, and Paitin is still producing Barbarescos of the highest quality.

Never satisfied with just maintaining the status-quo, the current generation of the Pasquero-Elia family, brothers Giovanni and Silvano, recently enlisted the services of consulting oenologist Dante Scaglione, who spent 16 years alongside the famous Bruno Giacosa. Dante's addition has resulted in a slight change of style, focused more on freshness and earlier approachability, but the wines still show the true character of what made Paitin great in the first place. The Pasquero-Elia family has superb vineyards and already knew how to craft delicious wines, but their continued search for excellence and the willingness to invest in the future is what makes them one of the finest estates in Barbaresco.



Lange Arneis Vigna Elisa 2013 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

The grapes for Elisa come from Paitin's vineyards in Vezza d'Alba, planted between 1991 and 1994. The Arneis and Riesling grapes are harvested in mid-September, then crushed together and moved to roto-fermenter for 24 hours of cold maceration at 12 degrees Celsius. The grapes are pressed the following day, and then clarified. Fermentation occurs in stainless steel tanks at low temperatures, but there is no malolactic fermentation in order to preserve the acidity and freshness. The wine is held sur-lie in stainless steel tanks.

87 Points, Wine Spectator

"The peach and passion fruit aromas are grounded by white pepper and earth accents. A grapefruit element emerges on the moderate finish."

Details

Order Code: 720001

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOC Langhe Arneis

Colour: White

Grape(s): 85% Arneis, 15% Riesling

Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 12.5%

Production: 1,000 Cases



Dolcetto D'Alba Sorì Paitin 2013 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

This Dolcetto comes from Paitin's vineyards in Serraboella, planted between 1989 and 1994. The grapes are harvested in mid-September, then crushed and fermented in roto-fermenter for four days at 26 to 28 degrees Celsius. Malolactic fermentation and aging occurs in Slavonian oak for six months, with an additional two months in stainless steel tanks. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

89 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Paitin's 2013 Dolcetto d'Alba is rich, ample and pliant, with gorgeous depth and fabulous overall balance. This dark, ample Dolcetto is all about texture and resonance, with super-classic hints of blue stone fruits, smoke, licorice and almonds that flesh out on the finish."

Details

Order Code: 720002

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOC Dolcetto D'Alba

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Dolcetto

Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 13.0%

Production: 660 Cases



Barbera D'Alba Serra 2012 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

This Barbera comes from Paitin's vineyards in Serraboella, planted between 1981 and 1984. The grapes are harvested at the end of September, then crushed and fermented in roto-fermenter for eight days at 26 to 28 degrees Celsius. Malolactic fermentation and aging occurs in Slavonian oak for 12 months, with an additional two months in stainless steel tanks. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Paitin's 2012 Barbera d'Alba Serra jumps from the glass with dark red cherries, plums, spices, rose petals and tobacco are some of the many notes that meld together in the 2012 Barbera d'Alba Serra. Sweet floral and spice notes flesh out in an ample wine that overdelivers big time. The Serra was aged exclusively in Slavonian oak."

Details

Order Code: 720003

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOC Barbera D'Alba

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Barbera

Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 1,250 Cases



Barbera D'Alba Superiore Campolive 2011 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

This Barbera comes from Paitin's vineyards in Serraboella, planted in 1978. The grapes are harvested at the end of September, then crushed and fermented in roto-fermenter for eight days at 26 to 28 degrees Celsius. Malolactic fermentation and aging occurs in Slavonian oak for 18 months, with an additional two months in stainless steel tanks. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

90 Points, Wine Spectator

"Piercing scents of blackberry and boysenberry mark this intense red, while vibrant acidity maintains focus and brightness. This is long, with the spice accents lingering."

Details

Order Code: 720005

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOC Barbera D'Alba Superiore

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Barbera

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,000 Cases



Nebbiolo D'Alba Ca Veja 2011 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

This Nebbiolo comes from Paitin's vineyards in Alba, planted in 1995. The grapes are harvested in early October, then crushed and fermented in roto-fermenter for 10 days at 26 to 28 degrees Celsius. Malolactic fermentation occurs in stainless steel; no oak whatsoever. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

90-92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 2012 Nebbiolo d'Alba Ca' Veja is another super-intense wine bursting at the seams with pure fruit. The flavors tend towards the raspberry/strawberry end of the spectrum, but the intensity and volume is pure Paitin. This ample, textured Nebbiolo is another overachieving wine from the Pasquero brothers."

Details

Order Code: 720004

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOC Nebbiolo D'Alba

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,000 Cases



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 1989

Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

The Nebbiolo grapes for Paitin's Barbaresco Serra are selected from the winery's outstanding Serraboella vineyards in the south of Neive. These vineyards, with their loose slopes, are composed of clay and marl and were planted between 1981 and 1984. The grapes are generally harvested at the end of September, then crushed and fermented in roto-fermenter for 10 days at 26 to 28 degrees Celsius. Malolactic fermentation and aging occurs in Slavonian oak for 18 months, with an additional two months in stainless steel tanks. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 1989 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin reveals evidence of new oak cask aging in its smoky, vanillin nose complemented by generous aromas of sweet black-cherries, cedar, and spices. The wine is full-bodied, deep, and rich, with a harmonious integration of moderate tannin, and a long, lusty, expansive richness. While approachable now, it should be at its best by the late nineties and easily last through the first decade of the next century. Pasquero has turned in two superlative performances with respect to his single vineyard Barbaresco. Perhaps because the 1989 has had more time to evolve, it appears more complex and easier to comprehend than the large-scaled, full-bodied, rich, concentrated, but tannic 1990."

Details

Order Code: 722289

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.0%

Production: 500 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 1990

Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

88 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The concentrated, spicy, massive 1990 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin is backward, tannic, and in need of at least 5-6 years of cellaring. If the tannin becomes more integrated with the wine's other components, it will be outstanding. It should last for 20 years. Pasquero has turned in two superlative performances with respect to his single vineyard Barbaresco. Perhaps because the 1989 has had more time to evolve, it appears more complex and easier to comprehend than the large-scaled, full-bodied, rich, concentrated, but tannic 1990."

Details

Order Code: 722290

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.0%

Production: 500 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 1999

Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Black stone fruits, tobacco, worn-in leather, dried herbs and spices are some of the notes that take shape in the 1999 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin. An intense full-bodied wine, the 1999 impresses for its depth. The aromatics are starting to fray and the flavors aren't quite delineated as they could be, but otherwise this is a solid showing from Paitin. The 1999 was aged mostly in cask, although 25% of the juice was aged in French oak."

90 Points, Wine Spectator

"Attractive wild berry aromas and hints of minerals. Medium-bodied, with well-integrated tannins and a chewy, fruity finish. Rather tight right now, but shows very good potential."

Details

Order Code: 722099

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.5%

Production: 1,500 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2001 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2001 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin features an ample, sweet nose, very floral and with intriguing scents of cinnamon and incense, anisette and herbs. The palate is full and lengthy, the tannins forceful and plush, the finish elegant and classy."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 2001 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin is a sumptuous, modern-styled Barbaresco with a complex and intriguing nose of crushed raspberries and sweet spices. On the palate the wine is packed with lush fruit, minerals, and tar, closing with an attractive balsamic note. Well integrated oak and a sense of freshness on the finish make this a very complete wine. It is aged 70% in 25 hectoliter casks and 30% in barriques."

Details

Order Code: 722078

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,800 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2003 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

89 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2003 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin reveals excellent concentration and a big, sweet personality packed with fruit, smoke and tar flavors. It possesses notable length, but the hard tannins prove to be somewhat overwhelming."

Details

Order Code: 721078

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,500 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2004 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2004 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin is intense and powerful in its expression of dark fruit, spices, earthiness and tar. Made in a pure, bold style, it is one of the more closed, shut down 2004 Barbarescos and will require at least a few years in bottle before revealing its truest potential."

91+ Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Good pure but subdued aromas of dark cherry, strawberry, licorice, flowers and minerals. Juicy and tightly wound; very closed today and hard to assess. But this is obviously dense and sweet, and finishes with broad tannins and a juicy quality. Am I underrating this?"

Details

Order Code: 720013

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,200 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2008 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

93+ Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2008 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin is graced with exceptional elegance and class. An exciting fabric of sweet dark cherries, flowers and spices emerges from this fragrant, polished Barbaresco. This mid-weight, feminine Barbaresco is terrific. It is another strong effort for the year."

92 Points, Wine spectator

"A juicy red, bursting with cherry, raspberry, underbrush and spice flavors. The balance is there, but this needs time to integrate more fully. A woodsy eucalyptus element emerges on the finish, with echoes of sweet fruit."

Details

Order Code: 721013

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,200 Cases



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2009 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The estate's 2009 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin shows the rich, generous style of the year, but with plenty of underlying structure. Tobacco, sweet spices and licorice float from the glass in this powerful, intense Barbaresco. Exotic hints of spice and orange peel linger on the finish. This is yet another totally compelling wine from Paitin. The 2009 spent 18 months in cask."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Good medium red. Cherry and menthol on the ripe nose. Chewy, full and deep, with lovely sweetness and medium body to its flavors of red fruits, spices, leather and oak. At once creamy and youthful on the palate. Substantial dusty but fine-grained tannins coat the front teeth, with spice and tobacco notes lingering on the intense finish."

Details

Order Code: 720020

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2035

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,250 Cases



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2010 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

95 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The estate's 2010 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin is stunningly beautiful. Layers of fruit blossom in a large-scaled, dramatic Barbaresco endowed with tremendous depth and pure structure. Balsamic-inflected plums, tobacco, leather, spices and licorice meld together in the glass. The 2010 Sorì Paitin is huge, powerful and drop-dead gorgeous. Sweet menthol, pine and wild flowers adds finesse on a finish that is all about power. The structure of the vintage comes through in spades. The 2010 spent 24 months in cask."

93-95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Power and elegance meld together gracefully in the 2010 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin. This is another huge wine loaded with fruit, structure and phenomenal balance. Sweet red cherries, flowers and cinnamon emerge over time, but the 2010 stands out most for its exceptional pedigree and pure class. Striking in every way, the 2010 is shaping up to be one of the wines of the vintage."

94 Points, James Suckling

"Decadent aromas of ripe fruits and meats. Some white truffle, too. Full body with round, ripe tannins and a juicy finish. Needs at least until 2017 to resolve the slightly edgy tannins. Stylish all the same."

Details

Order Code: 720023

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2035

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,500 Cases



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2011 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

94 Points, Wine Spectator

"A graphite aroma leads off, with rose, cherry and spice flavors gracing the edges. Elegant, supple and firm, this dovetails to a focused, linear finish, emphasizing mineral and tobacco notes."

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Constantly changing in the glass. At times light on its feet, while in other moments much more powerful, the 2011 is a wine of contrasts. This is another ample, intensely structured Barbaresco from Paitin full of personality and the breadth that is typical of this part of Neive, where the wines are often quite broad. Sweet red cherries, tobacco, incense and earthiness are some of the many aromas and flavors add complexity over time. The 2011 spent 24 months in new casks."

92 Points, James Suckling

"Fresh aromas of sliced strawberry and flower accent a medium-bodied red with firm, bright acidity and racy tannins. It's delicate and lively. Drink or hold."

Details

Order Code: 721023

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,500 Cases



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2012 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Dark red cherry, plum, smoke, mint and leather are some of the notes that emerge from the 2012 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin. The Sorì Paitin is quite a bit more complex than it was from barrel, largely because the bottled wine is composed of approximately 30% wine that was originally destined for the Vecchie Vigne. As a result, this is one of the few 2012s I tasted that has real upside potential, even if it is relatively approachable today."

92 Points, Wine Spectator

"Sweet cherry, plum, eucalyptus, tar and underbrush notes intermingle in this lush, dense and beefy style. All the pieces are there, but this needs time to come together. Stays fresh and long."

Details

Order Code: 722294

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,500 Cases



Barbaresco Sorì Paitin 2013 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 2013 Barbaresco Sorì Paitin is pure class. Dark, mysterious and inviting, the 2013 is all about allure. Dark spices, menthol, sage, rosemary and dried flowers grace the palate in a dark, sumptuous Barbaresco endowed with class and personality. The 2013 had just been bottled at the time of my visit and is likely to require at least a few years to come together, which is quite typical for these wines."

Details

Order Code: 722295

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 1,500 Cases



Barbaresco Riserva, Vecchie Vigne 1999 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

These Nebbiolo grapes are sourced from Paitin's tiny, 0.4-hectare old vine vineyard in Serraboella. This part of the vineyard is planted on calcareous clay soils, facing southwest. The grapes are generally harvested at the end of October, needing almost a full month of extra ripening. The grapes are crushed and fermented in roto-fermenter for 10 days at 26 to 28 degrees Celsius. Malolactic fermentation and aging occurs in Slavonian oak for 36 months, with an additional two months in stainless steel tanks. Bottled unfined and unfiltered.

93 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Impressive wine. Rich aromas of ripe fruit and freshly ground spices. Full-bodied, with big, velvety tannins and a long, long finish. A blockbuster, yet very polished."

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 1999 Barbaresco Sori Paitin Vecchie Vigne is dark, powerful and opulent, with more than enough stuffing to age well for the better part of the next decade. Smoke, menthol, tar, black fruit and French oak blossom in the glass as this resonant, exuberant Barbaresco show off its unique, totally compelling personality. The French oak is present, but well balanced at the same time."

Details

Order Code: 720026

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 500 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Riserva, Vecchie Vigne 2000 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Still an infant, the 2000 Vecchie Vigne explodes from the glass with a compelling array of plums, smoke, grilled herbs, leather and tobacco. Darker balsamic, mentholated notes develop in the glass, calling to mind some of the great Barolos of Serralunga. This powerful yet subtle, marvellously complex Barbaresco is at the beginning of what looks to be a long drinking window. As good as this is now, I have little doubt it will be even better in a few years' time. This is a terrific showing from Paitin."

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2000 Barbaresco Sori Paitin Vecchie Vigne is dark ruby in color, spicy and oaky on the nose, but with excellent tobacco, leather, and charcoal aromas. Its sweet, potent, and deep flavors, packed and with much vanilla and licorice, finish with an important weight, intensity, and texture."

Details

Order Code: 720028

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 500 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Riserva, Vecchie Vigne 2001 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2001 Barbaresco Sori Paitin Vecchie Vigne has the characteristic intensity and focus of old-vine wines, potent, smoky, spicy, and penetrating in aroma, rich in flavor and with the plush texture, the tightly-packed tannins and caressing tactile sensations of perfectly ripe Nebbiolo. It will continue to drink well for close to 15 years."

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"Rich and decadent, with mushroom, berry and cherry aromas and flavors. Full-bodied, with chewy tannins and a long, ripe fruit aftertaste. Big wine. This is always impressive. Much better than the 2000."

Details

Order Code: 722072

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 400 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Riserva, Vecchie Vigne 2004 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

'The 2004 Barbaresco Sori' Paitin Vecchie Vigne is marvelous. Dark red berries, crushed flowers, smoke, ash and tar are just some of the notes that emerge from this big yet beautifully articulated Vecchie Vigne. The 2004 shows superb class and fabulous overall balance. As always this is a fairly large-scaled Barbaresco, but all of the elements meld together beautifully. A long, sensual finish rounds things out in style. With air the 2004 is approachable today, but it clearly has the stuffing and freshness to drink well to age 25, perhaps beyond. The Vecchie Vigne captures the essence of this great Piedmontese vintage in spades.'

Details

Order Code: 720033

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 500 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Riserva, Vecchie Vigne 2006 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

93+ Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

'From 63-year-old vines in the center of the vineyard; aged in a combination of old barriques and new larger casks. Sweet aromas of redcurrant, cherry, smoke and mint, all lifted by high notes of orange peel, rose petal and minerals. Concentrated, vibrant and gripping, with a silky quality and noteworthy precision to the flavors of red fruits, spices and minerals. Harmonious acidity gives a juicy, sappy quality and real elegance to this densely packed Barbaresco. Here the tannins are considerably finer than those of the normale, and the long, juicy, gripping finish leaves behind a captivating floral perfume. A beauty. This is from a massale selection, including a bit of the lighter, floral rose clone of Nebbiolo while the rest of the vineyard features five different clones.'

Details

Order Code: 720035

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 400 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Riserva, Vecchie Vigne 2007 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

'The 2007 Barbaresco Sori' Paitin Vecchie Vigne bursts onto the palate with explosive fruit and tons of depth. It is a rich, opulent Barbaresco, but there appears to be plenty of underlying structure. Crushed flowers, spices, licorice, anise and tar are some of the notes that wrap around the intense, plush finish. Today the 2007 shows the exuberance of the year, but with further bottle age the more subtle aspects of the wine will emerge.'

93 Points, Wine Spectator

'Starts out rich and round, boasting cherry and currant flavors, then firms up as more spice and eucalyptus notes show. The tannins offer grip as this cruises to a long finish. Balances power and elegance.'

Details

Order Code: 720037

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 350 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Riserva, Vecchie Vigne 2008 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The blackest of cherries, spices, incense, tar and scorched earth are some of the many nuances that emerge from the 2008 Barbaresco Sori' Paitin Vecchie Vigne. This dark, brooding Barbaresco is all about power. The 2008 impresses for its fabulous balance and pure length. With time in the glass, the wine becomes increasingly more refined. It is a striking Barbaresco to drink now and over the next 10-15 years, perhaps longer. The 2008 was aged in 25-hectoliter cask and bottled in June 2012."

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"A spice- and balsamic-laden version, boasting sweet fruit, licorice, leather and tobacco notes on a rich framework. This shows fine balance and harmony, ending with a grip-filled finish."

Details

Order Code: 721041

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 350 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Barbaresco Riserva, Vecchie Vigne 2009 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2009 Barbaresco Sori' Paitin Vecchie Vigne is one of the best wines of this largely uneven year. Relatively approachable for such a young wine, the 2009 is soft, open and generous, with layers of sweet red fruit, cinnamon and flowers. The 2009 has a bit more color, freshness and density than most other 2009s, all of which adds up to a racy Barbaresco that can be enjoyed now and over the next decade plus. Crushed flowers, red berries and a hint of nutmeg linger on a super-finesse, impeccably crafted finish."

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"Beginning to develop gamy and underbrush notes, this red is supple and ripe, featuring cherry and tea flavors. Offers a broad backdrop of tannins and finishes elegantly, if on the firm, taut side. Best from 2016 through 2025. 415 cases made."

Details

Order Code: 720041

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

Aging Potential: 2035

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 400 Cases



Barbaresco Riserva, Vecchie Vigne 2010 Paitin Di Pasquero-Elia

95+ Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"The 2010 Barbaresco Sori' Paitin Vigne Vecchie hits the palate with fabulous depth and intensity. Savory herbs, smoke, tobacco, incense, menthol and licorice race out of the glass in an intense, structured Barbaresco loaded with class, energy and pure power. There is plenty to look forward to, once the tannins soften a bit. The 2010 has closed down pretty dramatically since the last time I tasted it, about a year ago. Readers will have to be patient. The 2010 spent a total of 30 months in cask."

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The blackest of cherries, spices, incense, tar and scorched earth are some of the many nuances that emerge from the 2008 Barbaresco Sori' Paitin Vecchie Vigne. This dark, brooding Barbaresco is all about power. The 2008 impresses for its fabulous balance and pure length. With time in the glass, the wine becomes increasingly more refined. It is a striking Barbaresco to drink now and over the next 10-15 years, perhaps longer. The 2008 was aged in 25-hectoliter cask and bottled in June 2012."

Details

Order Code: 720042

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte

Appellation: DOCG Barbaresco

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Nebbiolo

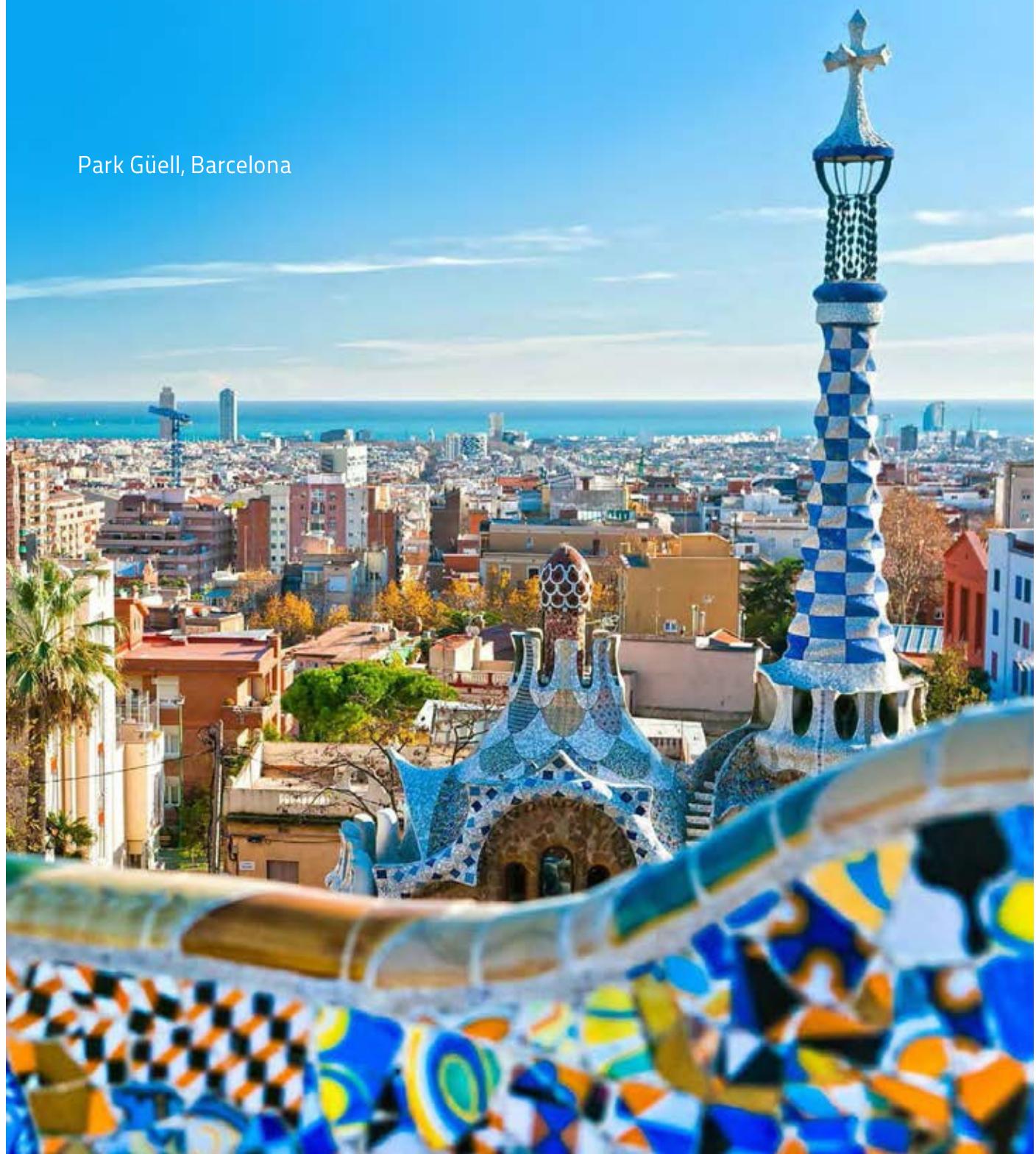
Aging Potential: 2035

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 400 Cases

Spanish Selections

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Toro Albalá

BODEGAS DESDE 1922

Best Spanish Wine in China
Don PX Convento Selección 1946

Out of 11,000 entries, Toro Albalá Don PX Convento Selección 1946 was awarded 'Best Spanish Wine in China' at the 'Bettane et Dessauve Le Grand Tasting' in Shanghai in 2016

100 Points Wine Advocate
Don PX Convento Selección 1946

"This is an extreme wine, my first descriptor was ultra-mega-super concentrated. It is unbelievably powerful, both in the nose and the palate, full of umami, with sweet cinnamon, Christmas cake, camphor, petrol, lemongrass, Belgian chocolate and butter. Incredibly complex and rich, sweet, balanced and smooth in the palate, it is both very sweet and somehow salty, and with time it develops a black olive note. It combines the texture of the 1962 and the elegance of the 1949. It is as decadent as it gets.

- Luis Gutiérrez, The Wine Advocate -



Marqués De Poley Eléctrico Fino Del Lagar NV

Bodegas Toro Albalá

87 Points, The Wine Advocate

'The NV Electrico del Lagar Fino is aged, unfortified, under flor for an average of 10 years in the solera created 60 years ago before being bottled into half liter bottles. It is called Electrico, and it used to come in a light bulb-shaped bottle, but sadly not anymore, all of it a little bit of a joke because the original winery is housed in an old electricity plant, but also because of the liveliness of the wine in the mouth, and an expression used in Cordoba to ask for a wine referring to it as an electric shock. It doesn't have as much electricity as vintage Madeira but it has a lively palate. Bright, pale yellow-colored, I cannot really tell the grape here, which is Pedro Ximenez, with a slightly blurry nose of yeasty, spicy with dried herbs and grass (espanto) and green olives. It has a wide, full but lively palate with dry, pungent saline flavors and a bitter finish.'

Bodegas Toro Albalá

Andalucía, Montilla-Moriles

Bodegas Toro Albalá is the world's foremost producer of vintage-dated Pedro Ximénez. With access to some of the finest vineyards in the Montilla-Moriles appellation and some of the world's oldest wine-stock in barrel, Toro Albalá is the only true specialist in single vintage Pedro Ximénez. In addition to their highly sought-after sweet wines, Toro Albalá also produces impeccably made, and truly authentic, old vintage Amontillados as well as non-fortified Finos and Amontillados produced with the criaderas-solera system; all are exclusively Pedro Ximénez-based wines.

In its early days, starting from 1844, Toro Albalá was mostly focused on the production of Fino-styled wines but with the arrival of José María Toro Albalá in 1922, this all changed. With a reputation for being somewhat unconventional, José's first order of business was to restore the former electric power station of Aguilar de la Frontera, and transform the 14,000m² power plant into a winery and aging cellar. José María was an innovator, far ahead of his time; amongst other things, he developed Toro Albalá's now-famous wooden labels as well as his own patented invention called 'Trapped Air', a novel approach to the problem of conserving wine in perfect condition. Toro Albalá's current owner, Antonio Sánchez Romero, has invested heavily in the latest technologies to ensure maximum control at every stage of the winemaking and ageing process.

Toro Albalá's vineyards in Aguilar de la Frontera and Moriles are dedicated exclusively to the cultivation of Pedro Ximénez vines, which are planted in the region's famous chalky-white Albariza soils, the very same soils for which Sherry is so famous. The grapes from their oldest bush-vines are destined for the sweet vintage wines, whereas the newer, wire-trained vineyards, which provide fresher fruit with brighter acids, are reserved for the production of Toro Albalá's dry wine styles. The winery currently holds approximately 6,000 barrels filled with wine, some of which contain the oldest wines available in Andalucía and dating back to the mid-1800s.

Every year, small batches of old, vintage-dated, sweet Pedro Ximénez wines are released in no particular chronological order. The 'Don PX Convento Selección' line is selected from barrels that were produced by the first and second generation of Toro Albalá's winemakers, these are mostly 60 years or older. This is followed by the 'Don PX Selección' line, which was produced by the third generation. A new line called 'Don PX Cosecha Vieja' was introduced in 2016, which is a signature series from current owner Antonia Sánchez Romero. The 'youngest' line of aged PX is labeled 'Don PX Gran Reserva' and is usually bottled at around 25 years old. An un-oaked line is also produced each year, labeled simply 'Don PX'. Sometimes a rare or special commemorative bottling takes place, and is labeled as 'Ginés Liébana'.

Details

Order Code: 710259

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 50cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Bottled: Annually

Aging: 10 Years in Criaderas/Solera

Production: 45,000 Bottles



Marqués De Poley Oloroso Viejo NV Bodegas Toro Albalá

86 Points, The Wine Advocate

"To finish with their dry wines, all of them offered in half-liter bottles, the NV Oloroso Marques De Poley also produced from Pedro Ximenez grapes (as all these wines from Montilla-Moriles) feels sweeter, lighter and less intense tasted next to the Amontillado. The color is a bright orange, and the youthful nose is redolent of dry apricots, toffee and walnuts. Medium- to full-bodied, velvety, it has the telltale toffee and caramel flavors of an Oloroso. The strong bitter note makes an appearance again in the finish."

Details

Order Code: 710258

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 50cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Amber

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 17.0%

Sugar: 12 g/L

Bottled: Annually

Aging: 15 Years in American Oak

Production: 25,000 Bottles



Marqués De Poley Cream Pedro Ximénez NV Bodegas Toro Albalá

Christopher Stewart Notes

"A new concept in the Cream department, and only available from Toro Albalá! Cream PX is the result of combining Fino, Oloroso and Don PX. The wine follows ageing in American oak casks for 10 years to create a complex, refined, palate-caressing wine that never tires. Beautiful flavours of toffee, fig, bitter orange, cocoa, and maple syrup."

Details

Order Code: 710370

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 50cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Amber

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 17.0%

Sugar: 140 g/L

Bottled: Annually

Aging: 10 Years in Criaderas/Solera

Production: 25,000 Bottles



Marqués De Poley Amontillado Viejisimo Solera 1922 NV Bodegas Toro Albalá

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV Amontillado Viejisimo Solera 1922 Marques De Poley, produced from Pedro Ximénez grapes aged in a solera of old American oak barrels under flor and later put through oxidative aging. It wears a medium amber color with green edges denoting old age (around 35 years) and a creamy nose of sweet hazelnuts, spices and a touch of smoke. Medium-bodied, with lively acidity and pungent flavors, it ends with an intense, bitter finish."

90 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Potent, woody and on the heavy side, with char, maple and nutty caramel aromas. The palate is big, concentrated and balanced, with intense nut, butter and dried citrus flavors. Rich and weighty on the finish, with toffee and toasted nut flavors to ponder."

Details

Order Code: 711154

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 50cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Amber

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 21.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Bottled: Annually

Aging: 35 Years in Criaderas/Solera

Production: 15,000 Bottles



Marqués De Poley Amontillado Selección 1951 Bodegas Toro Albalá

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"My favorite of the two Amontillados is the 1951 Amontillado Selección a rare, single-vintage Amontillado produced with Pedro Ximénez grapes as is the norm in Montilla-Moriles. It's a bright mahogany color with an amber-green tint that reveals pharmaceutical notes and balsamic, with roasted, charred aromas and a sweetish palate that retains the sharpness expected in this kind of wine. It is lacking a bit in the mid-palate before ending with a slightly bitter, tarry finish. This is completely different to an Amontillado from Jerez."

Details

Order Code: 710172
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Original Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Amber
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 21.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Bottled: March 2011
Aging: 60 Years in American Oak
Production: 4,650 Bottles



Amontillado Convento Selección 1971 Bodegas Toro Albalá

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"This is a wine that was sold some time ago, but some of it remains in the market (I bought some bottles!), so I opted for including it here just for reference. I'm talking about the 1971 Amontillado Viejísimo, a single-vintage Amontillado with strong balsamic aromas, varnish, tar, hazelnuts, some roasted, charred notes and slight chemical aromas; the roasted, charred notes develop more with time. The palate has some sweetness that makes it round and approachable before the slightly bittersweet finish."

Details

Order Code: 710171
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 1 x 75cl
Packaging: Original Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Amber
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 21.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Bottled: June 2009
Aging: 38 Years in American Oak
Production: 975 Bottles



Don PX 2010 Bodegas Toro Albalá

Gold, Decanter Asia Wine Awards

"A raisined, very viscous style with expressive, rich aromas of sweet plum, pear, dried apricots and peaches, and an intense exotic fruit character. Full on the palate, with a creamy texture, honeyed, lightly nutty sultanas, marmalade and burnt caramel notes, and a warm, raisined finish."

90 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: light mahogany. Nose: complex, fruit liqueur notes, dried fruit, patisserie, toasty. Palate: sweet, rich, unctuous."

88 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"The 2010 Don PX, a rarity, being from a single harvest, aiming at showing the younger, fruity side of this style of wine produced with Pedro Ximénez raisins is viscous and has a medium-brown color. The powerful, honeyed nose is dominated by aromas of raisins, dried apricots, curry, molasses and sugar cane. The palate is dense, clean and sweet."

Details

Order Code: 710059
Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Dark Amber
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 17.0%
Sugar: 460 g/L

Bottled: June 2012
Aging: 2 Years in Steel Tank
Production: 82,000 Bottles



Don PX 2012

Bodegas Toro Albalá

89 Points, The Wine Advocate

"A young, sweet, single-vintage Pedro Ximénez, the 2012 Don PX, was aged in stainless steel vats for two years and was bottled with 450 grams of residual sugar and 17% alcohol. This is extremely dense and sweet, exuberant with aromas of sugar cane, dates and golden raisins and an extremely sweet, dense palate with flavors of raisins and lowish acidity. I prefer these young wines in their initial, more exuberant phase but once they lose their youthful character they will keep in bottle forever given the high alcohol and sugar."

90 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: mahogany. Nose: complex, fruit liqueur notes, dried fruit, patisserie, toasty. Palate: sweet, rich, unctuous."

Details

Order Code: 710959

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Dark Amber

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 17.0%

Sugar: 450 g/L

Bottled: June 2014

Aging: 2 Years in Steel Tank

Production: 80,000 Bottles



Don PX Gran Reserva 1979

Bodegas Toro Albalá

90 Points, Wine Spectator

"Aromas of fresh fig and roses pick up treacle and smoke notes in this distinctive fortified wine. It's mellow, and it remains persistent through the long finish."

Details

Order Code: 711979

Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 17.0%

Sugar: 386 g/L

Bottled: July 2008

Aging: 27 Years in American Oak

Production: 37,500 Bottles



Don PX Gran Reserva 1982

Bodegas Toro Albalá

94 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: dark mahogany. Nose: complex, fruit liqueur notes, dried fruit, patisserie, roasted coffee, aromatic coffee. Palate: sweet, rich, unctuous, powerful."

93 Points, Wine & Spirits Magazine

"This sweet elixir, produced from dried pedro ximenez grapes grown in area most famous for them near Cordoba, is pretty dangerous stuff. An añada, or vintage sherry, the aromatics are as complex as any great wine can be: smoky, sweet, and savory aromas suggest dark caramel, dried fruit, the best quality soy sauce which you would likely only find in Japan, and with a deeper whiff, maybe some candied oranges as well. Flavors are rich, with a chocolaty, mocha like sweetness but not at all cloying."

Details

Order Code: 711982

Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: %

Sugar: 405 g/L

Bottled: June 2011

Aging: 27 Years in American Oak

Production: 39,000 Bottles



Don PX Gran Reserva 1983 Bodegas Toro Albalá

97 Points, Huon Hooke

"Amazing black coloured, treacly old PX with stunning concentration and complexity. Liqueury sweetness and richness. Power plus, and seemingly endless palate length. Great wine."

94 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: dark mahogany. Nose: complex, fruit liqueur notes, dried fruit, pâtisserie, toasty, aromatic coffee. Palate: sweet, rich, unctuous, powerful, roasted-coffee aftertaste, balanced."

Silver Medal, Decanter Asia Wine Awards

"Dense, opaque, viscous appearance with a bright green amber rim. Complex, expressive nose of dried nuts, apricot, prune, raisin, and dried dates. Rich, unctuously-concentrated, full-powered palate displaying coffee, raisins, and dried dates. Prune and vanilla on an exceptionally long, sweet finish."

Details

Order Code: 710058

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 17.0%

Sugar: 378 g/L

Bottled: June 2012

Aging: 27 Years in American Oak

Production: 42,000 Bottles



Don PX Gran Reserva 1986 Bodegas Toro Albalá

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Toro Albalá has been releasing vintage-dated, sweet wines in chronological order for a while (I have great memories of the 1972) and the 'current' release is the 1986 Don PX Gran Reserva, which is a dark, sweet and concentrated dessert wine aged in American oak casks until bottling in June 2014. It has 350 grams of residual sugar. It's extremely dark, motor oil-dense, sweet wine with notes of raisins, hints of flowers, minty with aromas of candied orange peel and herbs, really aromatic and showy. The palate is dense, with the sweetness balanced by good acidity plus spicy and chocolate flavors."

94 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: dark mahogany. Nose: expressive, complex, jasmine, dried fruit, aromatic coffee, smoky. Palate: balanced, unctuous, round, good acidity."

Details

Order Code: 710170

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 17.0%

Sugar: 380 g/L

Bottled: May 2014

Aging: 28 Years in American Oak

Production: 42,000 Bottles



Don PX Gran Reserva 1987 (New Release) Bodegas Toro Albalá

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Each year they select a number of single vintage, sweet PX wines to be bottled, the first of which (besides the young wine) is the 1987 Don Px Gran Reserva in 2016 - a wine aged in American oak casks for some 28 years. These wines are almost indestructible, so the drinking windows are mostly academic. This showcases the classical aromas and palate of an old PX from Montilla, strong notes of dark chocolate, dried figs and plums, raisins and sweet spices; the dense, thick and persistent palate where the 380 grams of unfermented sugar are not noticeable, as they are balanced by good acidity that also gets concentrated by age. This is probably the densest of all the wines I tasted today, and there is a distinct, perfumed, almost floral note here (is it violet pastille?), which makes it extremely attractive. It's also the most drinkable of all these old vintages, very balanced within its sweet profile, with marked flavors (also licorice and black olives) that stay in your mouth for one minute. Exotic and exuberant. This is incredibly young and lively, and very good value for the age and quality it delivers."

Details

Order Code: 711987

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 16.5%

Sugar: 380 g/L

Bottled: September 2015

Aging: 28 Years in American Oak

Production: 39,000 Bottles



Don PX Vieja Cosecha 1973 (New Release) Bodegas Toro Albalá

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

'The 1973 Don PX Selección is part of a new range of more accessible old wines, not as extreme as the Convento or Convento Selección ranges of extremely old wines. This is slightly lighter in the palate with a little less sugar, some 320 grams per liter. The vineyards that produced these grapes do not exist today; they were on very soft marls soils. The dehydrated grapes fermented between 3% and 9% and then the wine was fortified and today bottled at 17%. It's somehow reminiscent of the 1987, very perfumed and aromatic, a little exotic, with even some minty notes. There are 16,000 liters of this wine, which is available in bottles and magnums. The palate is very concentrated, round, with an oily texture that fills your mouth. This is more elegant, but at the same time it's not as fresh as the 1987.'

Details

Order Code: 711973
Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Original Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Black
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 17.0%
Sugar: 320 g/L

Bottled: June 2015
Aging: 42 Years in American Oak
Production: 5,500 Bottles



Don PX Selección 1949 Bodegas Toro Albalá

87 Points, The Wine Advocate

'The 1949 Don PX Reserva Especial differs from the other old wines from the winery as it is less dark, it even has a (very dark) translucent tone compared with the others, maybe because it has 2% more alcohol. It feels incredibly elegant and balanced, fresher in comparison than the beasts from 1962 and 1946, medicinal, full of spicy notes of cinnamon, cloves, a touch of ash, and the smell of an antique shop. The palate is fluid, sweet and fresh. Putting a drinking window to these wines feels a bit silly. You should drink it whenever you have the occasion.'

Details

Order Code: 710056
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Original Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Black
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 19.0%
Sugar: 222 g/L

Bottled: September 2011
Aging: 62 Years in American Oak
Production: 1,750 Bottles



Don PX Selección 1962 Bodegas Toro Albalá

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

'The 1962 Don PX Reserva Especial is pitch black, dense as (used) motor oil, medicinal and balsamic, with a grassy nose of licorice, black olives, roasted coffee, smoke and ash, very intense and expressive in the palate, spicy (nutmeg) with incredible length, perhaps not as integrated as the 49 and 46. These wines have to be tasted to be believed. It was bottled after 49 years aging in bota.'

Details

Order Code: 710057
Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Original Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Black
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 17.0%
Sugar: 296 g/L

Bottled: September 2011
Aging: 49 Years in American Oak
Production: 1,950 Bottles



Don PX Selección 1965 Bodegas Toro Albalá

97 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Small lots of old vintages are released following no apparent logic, like this 1965 Don PX Selección, which is produced with white Pedro Ximénez grapes but it's black rather than white, bottled in June 2014 with 290 grams of residual sugar. It has a nose of pure curry, aromas of an Indian restaurant, very balanced, not as sweet as others, in fact it's more bittersweet than sweet, combining the spices with bitter chocolate and with very good acidity that makes it relatively easy to drink."

96 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: dark mahogany. Nose: citrus fruit, dried fruit, elegant, spicy, cocoa bean, acetaldehyde. Palate: long, elegant, round, good acidity, creamy."

Details

Order Code: 710165

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 16.5%

Sugar: 290 g/L

Bottled: September 2014

Aging: 49 Years in American Oak

Production: 4,200 Bottles



Don PX Selección 1968 (New Release) Bodegas Toro Albalá

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Going up the ladder of age, concentration, complexity (and price), the 1968 Don PX Selección aged in American oak butts for some 47 years before bottling, and was never blended with any other vintage. The wine has 340 grams of unfermented sugar and higher acidity given its age, as evaporation in barrel concentrates everything. This is somehow less dense and more pungent than the other old sweet wines, with more spices, lots of cinnamon and cocoa powder. It's more fluid, somehow lighter, and with some notes reminiscent of oloroso and even amontillado."

Details

Order Code: 711969

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 19.0%

Sugar: 348 g/L

Bottled: September 2011

Aging: 42 Years in American Oak

Production: 3,450 Bottles



Don PX Selección 1969 Bodegas Toro Albalá

Christopher Stewart

"Black as night with a thick, viscous texture. Starts with rich and complex notes of coffee liqueur, dried fruits, cherry brandy and dark chocolate. Great texture, complex, deep and rich, very intense and concentrated but balanced by a certain juicy freshness and finishing with elegant bitters; not cloying at all and excellent length on the finish."

Details

Order Code: 711969

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 21.0%

Sugar: 395 g/L

Bottled: September 2011

Aging: 42 Years in American Oak

Production: 3,450 Bottles



Don PX Selección Ginés Liébana 1976 Bodegas Toro Albalá

Christopher Stewart

"Deep, dark and viscous. Upfront complex aromas of almond nougat, cocoa cream, walnuts, figs, dates and peach. Further back are hints of coconut, grapefruit, tomato, eucalyptus and a collection of spices such as cinnamon, vanilla, ginger, clove, carob and white pepper. Velvety-textured and sweet in mouth, nice acidity and with fruit and herbal flavours consistent with the nose. Finishes with berry-liqueur. Fresh and subtle with an eternal aftertaste."

Details

Order Code: 711976
Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Original Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Black
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 17.0%
Sugar: 350 g/L

Bottled: April 2009
Aging: 33 Years in American Oak
Production: 10,650 Bottles



Don PX Convento Selección 1929 Bodegas Toro Albalá

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The extreme 1929 Don PX Convento Selección is a thick, dense and unusual, rare sweet beast. It is very dark with a green border, dense, oily and serious full-bodied palate with the profile of a PX from Jerez. With 500 grams of residual sugar per liter, it is a little monolithic, a little heavy and not so easy to drink. Still it is an impressive, very sweet wine that is really unique."

Details

Order Code: 710155
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 1 x 75cl
Packaging: Single Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Black
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 18.0%
Sugar: 478 g/L

Bottled: November 2014
Aging: 85 Years in American Oak
Production: 6,200 Bottles



Don PX Convento Selección 1931 (New Release) Bodegas Toro Albalá

98 Points, The Wine Advocate

"If someone told you they kept a wine for 84 years in barrel before bottling, you'd think they are nuts, right? Well, that's what the folks at Toro Albalá in Aguilar de la Frontera - in the province of Cordoba, part of the Montilla Moriles appellation - did with their 1931 Don PX Convento Selección. This is part of what they call 'vinos olvidados,' which means 'forgotten wines.' The border is amber, with green tints that denote very old age. Such old age provides an array of unusual aromas and flavors, including iodine and salt that compensate the sweetness (403 grams) and even the alcohol (18%). It's terribly balsamic, with notes of dry herbs and spices, cigar ash, carob beans (algarrobas), incense and noble woods. The palate is very, very sweet and concentrated, unctuous, dense, with a chewy texture. This goes beyond a glass of wine, a drop of it is like having a piece of cake. I don't think this reaches the complexity and depth of the 1946, which remains the benchmark for these old sweet PX, but it's truly terrific!"

Details

Order Code: 711931
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 1 x 75cl
Packaging: Single Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Black
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 18.0%
Sugar: 403 g/L

Bottled: June 2015
Aging: 85 Years in American Oak
Production: 9,650 Bottles



Don PX Convento Selección 1946

Bodegas Toro Albalá

100 Points, The Wine Advocate

'The 1946 Don PX Convento Selección produced with Pedro Ximenez grapes dehydrated under the sun at the time of the Second World War, was only bottled in September 2011. This is an extreme wine, my first descriptor was ultra-mega-super concentrated. It is unbelievably powerful, both in the nose and the palate, full of umami, with sweet cinnamon, Christmas cake, camphor, petrol, lemongrass, Belgian chocolate and butter. Incredibly complex and rich, sweet, balanced and smooth in the palate, it is both very sweet and somehow salty, and with time it develops a black olive note. It combines the texture of the 1962 and the elegance of the 1949. It is as decadent as it gets. 825 bottles were produced. This wine will survive all of us. These wines are kept for generations and offered in very small quantities, but it's amazing that you can still buy and drink something so old, and I'm even tempted to say that it might represent good value for what it is. A real tour de force sweet wine. Drink it if you ever have the privilege to do so from 2013-2060.'

Details

Order Code: 710055

Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 1 x 75cl

Packaging: Single Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 17.0%

Sugar: 295 g/L

Bottled: September 2011

Aging: 65 Years in American Oak

Production: 13,200 Bottles



Don PX Convento Selección 1946 Magnum Late Release

Bodegas Toro Albalá

This late release was bottled four years after the initial bottling of Don PX Convento Selección 1946, and thus aged in barrel for an additional four years. Only 165 Magnums were made.

100 Points, The Wine Advocate

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Details

Order Code: 710955

Availability: Request Allocation

Case Format: 1 x 150cl

Packaging: Single Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 17.0%

Sugar: 295 g/L

Bottled: September 2015

Aging: 69 Years in American Oak

Production: 165 Bottles



Don PX Convento Selección 1955

Bodegas Toro Albalá

98 Points, The Wine Advocate

'One more single-harvest, old sweet wine, the 1955 Don PX Convento Selección was bottled in September 2014 and it had been aged slowly in very old American oak barrels and getting thick and concentrated through evaporation. Its 320 grams of sugar are (partially) compensated by 6.5 grams of acidity. It has a nose and palate of chocolate-covered candied orange, spices, molasses. I'd say the dominant aromas in the nose are dark chocolate. It's very dense, developing notes of very concentrated licorice and balsamic, mint, camphor and evolving notes of petrol with time. Complex, rare and unique.'

96 Points, Guia Peñin

'Colour: dark mahogany. Nose: expressive, complex, spicy, candied fruit, dried flowers, aromatic coffee. Palate: elegant, round, good acidity, balanced.'

Details

Order Code: 710160

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 1 x 75cl

Packaging: Single Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 16.5%

Sugar: 346 g/L

Bottled: September 2014

Aging: 59 Years in American Oak

Production: 10,400 Bottles



Eléctrico Fino En Rama En Bombilla 3 Fases *Bodegas Toro Albalá*

Tasting Note

"Not your usual Palomino-Fino, this Eléctrico Fino displays primary notes of apple cider and freshly baked, yeasty white bread. Further down, there are light metallic and mineral notes, as well as salted almonds. In the background there is also a light spiciness as well as some typical coastal smells like silty sand and seaweed; a faint note of liquorice root can be detected. Dry, medium-bodied with aromas of green apple and apricot, it evolves to a fairly zesty, slightly bitter citrus profile with salty notes. Fresh finish"

This wine is called Eléctrico to commemorate the location of the winery; Bodegas Toro Albalá is located in the former electric power station of Aguilar de la Frontera. In 1922, José María Toro Albalá had the 14,000m² decommissioned power plant fully restored and transformed into a winery and cellar. The winery also houses two museums; one is filled with old artifacts and tools found throughout the area over decades and one museum with an incredible collection of old wine books containing some 3,000 volumes.

Details

Order Code: 718869

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Individual Cardboard Boxes in Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork with Metal Lightbulb Screw Cap

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 17.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L



Limited Edition Three-Pack *Bodegas Toro Albalá*

This limited edition collector's mixed three-pack contains one bottle each of:

Marqués De Poley Amontillado Selección 1951 (WA 95)
Don PX Convento Selección 1955 (WA 98, PE 96)
Don PX Selección 1965 (WA 97, PE 97)

Only 200 cases were produced, with 20 cases allocated for the Hong Kong market. Cases are individually numbered. All Convento Selección vintages are presented with a 5ml sample.

Details

Order Code: 777258

Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 3 x 75cl

Packaging: Special Wooden Case

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Production: 200 Cases



Limited Edition Six-Pack *Bodegas Toro Albalá*

This limited edition collector's mixed six-pack contains one bottle each of:

Marqués De Poley Amontillado Selección 1951 (WA 95)
Don PX Convento Selección 1929 (WA 95)
Don PX Convento Selección 1931 (WA 98)
Don PX Convento Selección 1955 (WA 98)
Don PX Selección 1965 (WA 97)
Don PX Gran Reserva 1986 (WA 92, PE 94)

Only 200 cases were produced, with 15 cases allocated for the Hong Kong market. Cases are individually numbered. All Convento Selección vintages are presented with a 5ml sample.

Details

Order Code: 777277

Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Special Wooden Case

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Production: 200 Cases

Spanish Selections

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Don PX Selección 1965, Rare Large Formats



Details

Magnum (1.5 liter)
Order Code: 710765
Production: 240 Bottles
Availability: 2 Bottles
Bottle Numbers: #011 & #012

Jeroboam (3.0 liter)
Order Code: 710665
Production: 60 Bottles
Availability: 2 Bottles
Bottle Numbers: #001 & #002

Imperial (6.0 liter)
Order Code: 710565
Production: 30 Bottles
Availability: 2 Bottles
Bottle Numbers: #001 & #002

Don PX Convento Selección 1929, Rare Large Formats



Details

Magnum (1.5 liter)
Order Code: 710755
Production: 720 Bottles
Availability: 2 Bottles
Bottle Numbers: #001 & #002

Jeroboam (3.0 liter)
Order Code: 710655
Production: 60 Bottles
Availability: 2 Bottles
Bottle Numbers: #001 & #002

Imperial (6.0 liter)
Order Code: 710555
Production: 30 Bottles
Availability: 2 Bottles
Bottle Numbers: #001 & #002

Don PX Convento Selección 1955, Rare Large Formats



Details

Magnum (1.5 liter)
Order Code: 710560
Production: 240 Bottles
Availability: 2 Bottles
Bottle Numbers: #001 & #002

Jeroboam (3.0 liter)
Order Code: 710660
Production: 60 Bottles
Availability: 2 Bottles
Bottle Numbers: #001 & #002

Imperial (6.0 liter)
Order Code: 710760
Production: 30 Bottles
Availability: 2 Bottles
Bottle Numbers: #001 & #002

A Little Bit Of Montilla In Your Life

By Luiz Gutierrez, *The Wine Advocate Issue 224, April 2016*

First of all, Montilla wines are not Sherry. Sherry is an appellation in the bay of Cádiz with great influence from the sea, and inland Montilla is some 200 kilometers north east of Jerez, in the province of Córdoba. The two places, quite far away from each other, share some similarities but also have deep differences. First of all, the grape from Montilla is the sturdy Pedro Ximénez, while in Jerez the finickier Palomino reigns. Montilla's climate is continental, more extreme, warmer, and it concentrates and ages the wines faster than in Jerez.

In the similarities we find the same biological aging for Fino that later turns into Amontillado, which in fact means the style from Montilla, Oloroso, even nowadays Palo Cortado. And of course the syrupy sweet wines called simply Pedro Ximénez for which Montilla is famous and that share more than the style with Jerez. More on that in a minute, let's just take a quick look at the other similarities. The best Montilla-Moriles soils are also Albariza (and the second quality ones also barros and sandier!) which here is known as Albero. Albero is used to refer to the sand used for the bullfighting rings (and inside some bodegas), which is nothing other than calcium carbonate-rich Albariza.

If there is something Montilla-Moriles (and sorry that I use Montilla or Montilla-Moriles indistinctly!) is known for, that is its sweet wines named after the grape, Pedro Ximénez. I was telling you that on that front, Montilla shares more than just style and tradition with Jerez. In fact, there is very little Pedro Ximénez grown in the vineyards of the Marco de Jerez. The climate conditions of Montilla are much more adequate than Jerez's for growing Pedro Ximénez grapes, and also for a process that is fundamental in the production of these sweet wines, the sun-drying of the grapes. The grapes are dried under the sun to achieve a much higher concentration of sugars through dehydration and raisining. According to Jerez's appellation's rules, Pedro Ximénez is the only wine that can be purchased outside the boundaries of the appellation. Virtually all the PX used to refresh the soleras from Jerez comes from Montilla. There the grapes are sun-dried in the so-called paseras (pasa is the Spanish word for raisin) for some time between four to ten days depending on climate conditions (it can rain once, but not twice!), then pressed and immediately fortified to 9% alcohol to avoid the must starting fermentation.

This PX must fortified to 9% alcohol is what Montilla sells and delivers to the wineries in Jerez. This base wine, which in reality is a mistelle, a fortified must, as the grape juice has not fermented, both in Montilla or in Jerez is later fortified to 15% (sometimes gradually so the alcohol is better integrated), bottled as young sweet PX or put to age in barrel to later feed different soleras of sweet wines. It will end its life as either pure PX or sometimes to obtain the medium and cream styles.



Well, I finally managed to pay a short (but long overdue) visit to this forgotten appellation of traditional Andalusian wines. If Jerez is enjoying a small and limited revival, I don't think the same can be said about Montilla. When I first wrote about it in mid-2013, there were 84 active wineries in the region, and only 68 remain less than three years later. Consumption of its wines remains pretty much a local thing, with only some 8% of the wine being exported. The lack of quality producers makes it a lot more difficult, as basically international representation is limited to three names, Alvear, Pérez Barquero and Toro Albalá. Only three but what a three! I tasted (very impressive) new releases from all of them, and managed to visit Pérez Barquero, Toro Albalá and some vineyards in the Moriles alto and Sierra de Montilla.

I started the day with a fascinating visit to the old cellars of Toro Albalá in the town of Aguilar de la Frontera some 15 kilometers south of Montilla. It was a pleasure to finally meet inventor, collector, entrepreneur, winemaker and owner Antonio Sánchez, listen to some of his explanations and

admire his incredible collection/museum of all sorts of antiques and rarities. Had I never encountered an old venencia made with a whale whisker, I could see three there! I admired how the artifact used to extract wine from the Sherry and Montilla butts without getting any flor, a small cylindrical steel cup at the end of a long flexible shaft, originally a whale's hair, had evolved over time and how the cup had turned from silver to steel. They stopped using whale whiskers for their production some 90 years ago. You could spend weeks admiring the pieces (books, ancient machines, cameras, all sort of antiques and even archeological pieces) in the collection and listening to the stories behind each piece from Antonio Sánchez himself.

Once you meet the person, you understand the peculiarities of the wines and the way they are presented and packed. He invented the processes and the idea of finishing the bottles the way they are, some with a wooden label, some with a folding one closed with a magnet, with a test tube attached to the bottles of older wines containing a small dose of the wine so you can taste it before uncorking the bottle (a pre-Coravin invention!). Each year they select some old and idiosyncratic sweet Pedro Ximénez to bottle and release. The oldest of whom this time was said to date from 1931, velvety, luscious and savory at the same time, dense as (used) motor oil with a greenish/amber border, which even in these dark, almost black wines always denote a very old age. The green is obviously more noticeable in lighter-colored wines, like Amontillado. I could sample some centenary wines and their green color (among other things!) is simply amazing.



100 Points Wine Advocate
1905 Pedro Ximénez Solera Fundacional NV

"This traditional house produces superb wines that usually represent very good value, too, and tend to fly under the radar. Pérez Barquero is one of the greatest and most consistent wineries in the whole of Andalucía and they deserve a much higher recognition for their great wines."

- Luis Gutiérrez, The Wine Advocate -

Bodegas Pérez Barquero

Andalucía, Montilla-Moriles

Bodegas Pérez Barquero was established in 1905, in the historic town of Montilla, due south of the city of Córdoba. For well over a century, Pérez Barquero has been dedicated to the production of the highest quality Finos, Olorosos, Amontillados and sweet Pedro Ximénez wines, as well as premium brandies. The winery still houses some soleras from the turn of the 19th Century; these 'foundational' soleras, from which very small quantities of extremely old and concentrated wines are withdrawn and bottled from time to time, produce some of the best wines in the world.

In 1985, the winery was purchased by Rafael Cordoba, who owns 100 hectares of vineyards in some of the best locations in the appellation, in Sierra de Montilla and in Moriles Alto, planted with a majority of Pedro Ximénez, and he controls a further 400 hectares of vineyards belonging to other grape growers. With this he produces an impressive array of both dry and sweet wines as well as exceptional brandies and vinegars, whose main characteristic is balance, elegance and finesse. Pérez Barquero stocks approximately 10,000 American oak barrels, each barrel between 500 and 600 liters in size; the famous 'botas' where they age their wines following the soleras and criaderas system. They produce an average of three million bottles of wine per year.



Gran Barquero Fino NV

Bodegas Pérez Barquero

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV Fino Gran Barquero is aged 8-10 years under flor, pushing the limits of biological aging, which gives it a different profile: It is a big step up in quality, but it would probably be better with less filtration. It has a fresh, flowery nose hinting at some citrus and even tropical fruits intermixed with the dry hay, straw, yeasty and chalky notes. It has the profile of a serious, first-class Fino that shows in a clean, pungent, balanced palate, with incisive flavors, supple and long. A good-value, great Fino that could develop some more complexity in bottle."

91 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: bright yellow. Nose: complex, expressive, pungent, saline. Palate: rich, powerful, fresh, fine bitter notes, balanced, elegant."

Details

Order Code: 7971000
Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: White
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 15.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Lot: L-16145
Production: 500 Cases



Gran Barquero Oloroso NV

Bodegas Pérez Barquero

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV Oloroso Gran Barquero is produced from Pedro Ximenez grapes aged oxidatively in a solera system for 25-30 years on average. It displays a dark amber color and a complex nose of cigar ash, candied apricots and roasted nuts. The palate is ample, velvety, with good structure, without the rusticity some attribute to the wines of Montilla, and very slightly off-dry, which makes it very approachable."

Details

Order Code: 791101
Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Amber
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 19.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Lot: L-16033
Production: 500 Cases



Gran Barquero Amontillado NV Bodegas Pérez Barquero

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV Amontillado Gran Barquero is an impressive 25-30 years old. It wears a dark amber robe and a subtle, elegant and focused nose. It's an Amontillado of finesse, with biological, salty notes and roasted almonds, close to the Fino character. The palate shows a medium-bodied wine of a velvety texture, fine acidity and clean, focused flavors. It represents superb value for the quality it delivers."

Details

Order Code: 791102

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Amber

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 19.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Lot: L-16145

Production: 500 Cases



La Cañada Pedro Ximénez NV Bodegas Pérez Barquero

96 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: dark mahogany. Nose: complex, fruit liqueur notes, dried fruit, patisserie toasty. Palate: sweet, rich, unctuous, powerful."

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV La Canada PX is sourced from a vineyard in the Moriles Mountains called Cerro de La Canada, 'the canyon hill' and undergoes oxidative aging in solera and is bottled at an average of 25 years old. It boasts the characteristics of a very old PX, incense, licorice, roasted coffee and the sweetness is nicely compensated by a bitter chocolate touch. What is surprising in such an old wine is the overall sensation of freshness and elegance of fruit, with balsamic flavors of dried herbs, flowers and camphor. A truly elegant sticky."

Details

Order Code: 791103

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles

Colour: Black

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: 445 g/L

Production: 500 Cases





1955 Oloroso Solera Cincuentenario NV Bodegas Pérez Barquero

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV 1955 Oloroso Solera Cincuentenario is from this new range of very old wines; it does not reach the extremes of the Solera Fundacional, and is bottled at 21.5% alcohol and with some six grams of sugar, which denotes old age because of concentration. The nose is quite elegant, combining notes of evolution, incense, antique shop with others of more youth, such as dried apricots and the telltale oloroso roasted hazelnuts and varnished oak. The palate is intense and long, with penetrating flavors and a long finish, no doubt lifted by the alcohol. They bottled 200 bottles in late 2015 and plan to do another four bottlings of approximately the same number of bottles, but each label clearly states lot and bottle number."

Details

Order Code: 791104
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Amber
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 21.5%
Sugar: 6 g/L

Lot: Saca1-2015
Production: 200 Bottles



1955 Amontillado Solera Cincuentenario NV Bodegas Pérez Barquero

97 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The new range of very old wines, between the Gran Barquero/La Cañada range (25/30 years) and the Soleras Fundacionales (80/90 years), is released with the brand of the winery's 50th birth year; as such, it is called NV 1955 Amontillado Solera Cincuentenario, but they are not wines from 1955 - which is rather confusing. It is a 'solera' of blended vintages and therefore a non-vintage wine averaging perhaps 40-50 years of age. In any case, this is an extraordinary old Amontillado, with great balance between old age and elegance, making it very feminine (yeah, you can kill me now!), perfumed and subtle. The palate is very intense, deeply saline and long, tasty and elegant, with superb balance. They have taken 200 bottles in November 2015 and plan to do a further four sacas of approximately the same volume, and the front labels have both the information about the saca and the bottle number."

Details

Order Code: 791105
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Amber
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 21.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Lot: Saca1-2015
Production: 200 Bottles



1955 Palo Cortado Solera Cincuentenario NV Bodegas Pérez Barquero

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

*"I guess the market pressure (there's even a documentary film called *El Misterio del Palo Cortado*) made them release the first Palo Cortado I've seen from Pérez Barquero, the NV 1955 Palo Cortado Solera Cincuentenario. The back label explains that the wine started its life as a Fino with a biological phase under flor, so that might be the explanation for a saltier palate than the Oloroso from the same range. These wines are not from 1955 and in fact, they are not vintage wines, they are a multi-vintage blend aged in a solera that hypothetically would have been started around 50 years after the winery was created in 1905, hence the brand name 1955. This is quite similar to the Oloroso, in fact I would have had problems pronouncing it a Palo Cortado, and it would be difficult to say more than that it is a great old oxidative wine with great elegance, concentration and power. The initial bottling is 200 bottles and they plan to do more batches of the same size, always clearly identified on the front label."*

Details

Order Code: 791106
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Black
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 22.0%
Sugar: 5 g/L

Lot: Saca1-2015
Production: 200 Bottles



1905 Oloroso Solera Fundacional NV LotB 2016 Bodegas Pérez Barquero

97 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV 1905 Oloroso Solera Fundacional Lot B 2016 is a recent bottling (February 2016) that followed those 1,000 bottles originally filled in 2002. So the old average age of the wine is kept, because so little of it is bottled. We know how extremely old Oloroso can be almost painful, but this feels quite balanced. Obviously old, the greenish border gives it away; it's believed to be around 80 years of average age, and has an expressive nose of noble woods, roasted hazelnuts, incense and balsam, rusty nails, even some savory notes (chicken broth?) and some Sherry brandy. Reading the technical data I found out this has 11.5 grams of residual sugar, I guess from pure concentration and evaporation because of its old age, as there are no signs that it had ever been blended with some sweet wine. In any case, the palate is balanced and you do not feel any sweetness at all, but maybe that little sugar is the secret why it feels gentle rather than harsh. This Lot B is composed of 1,000 numbered bottles."

Details

Order Code: 791107
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Amber
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 22.0%
Sugar: 11.5 g/L

Production: 1,000 Bottles



1905 Amontillado Solera Fundacional NV LotB 2016 Bodegas Pérez Barquero

100 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Here, they bottled some 1,000 bottles ten years ago from a total of seven 600-liter barrels, and the quantity was replaced with wine from the 31 butts (casks) of very old wine that was selected as the 'criadera' for the solera. So the average age is kept very high, and the bottled wine that is offered now is thought to be 80- to 90-years-old on average. In any case, this small refreshing of the wine ten years ago (the bottled wine had to be replaced with slightly younger wine from the older criaderas) seems to have done it good, and ironically though a little 'younger' than the previous bottling, it seems more balanced and elegant - especially as it has had plenty of time, some ten years, to blend in the newer wine. The result is astonishing. The nose combines the obvious very old wine characteristics of rusty iron, iodine, varnish, incense and oyster shells with fresher hazelnuts, noble varnished woods and a touch of white pepper. The palate is intense, terribly complex and persistent, but with gobsmacking balance and elegance, while being powerful and very concentrated. Here, time concentrates everything - alcohol, acidity and sugar, but the wine manages to keep good balance in a sort of 'a lot of everything'. I cannot see how to improve this wine (other than perhaps the packaging). This should be virtually indestructible, as it has been slowly oxidized for close to a century, so nothing is going to harm it now."

Details

Order Code: 791108
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Amber
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 22.0%
Sugar: 6 g/L

Production: 1,000 Bottles



1905 Pedro Ximénez Solera Fundacional NV LotB 2016 Bodegas Pérez Barquero

99 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The NV 1905 Pedro Ximénez Solera Fundacional Lot B 2016 is nothing short of spectacular. Black, opaque, dense and thick as (used) motor oil, it just tints the glass and sticks to its sides with brown chocolate-colored tears and a complex nose full of spices (clove, nutmeg), tobacco, balsamic aromas (old furniture, incense, wet ebony wood) and a core of bitter Belgian chocolate from the best chocolatiers you can think of (and I can think of Pierre Marcolini!). There is something reminiscent of the old traditional acetos from Módena, from that long aging in wood (it's around 80/90 years of average age) with a dense palate that is not that sweet after all, and even has a savory (cracked peppercorns), tasty component that makes it very complete - a dessert on its own. It has balance within its powerful and concentrated style, which is the key to greatness here. This is 11.5% alcohol, which greatly contributes to its harmony and balance. You would never guess the 525 grams of sugar it has; the acidity is also concentrated, reaching the 6.13 grams (measured in tartaric acid). This will keep forever, even when you crack the bottle open. 1,000 bottles were filled in January 2016."

Details

Order Code: 791109
Availability: Extremely Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía
Appellation: DO Montilla-Moriles
Colour: Black
Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez
Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 11.5%
Sugar: 525 g/L

Production: 1,000 Bottles



GRANDES VINOS

"Grandes Vinos y Viñedos' collection is replete with stunning values! Bodegas San Jose de Aguaron is a large cooperative in the DO of Carinena that controls approximately 1200 hectares with 60% of the vines consisting of Garnacha, 70% of them over 50 years of age. All of their Carinena holdings are bush vines over 45 years of age. Its main brand is labeled Monasterio de las Viñas.

- Jay Miller, The Wine Advocate -

Grandes Vinos Y Viñedos Aragón, Cariñena

Grandes Vinos y Viñedos is based in the Cariñena DO in the Autonomous Community of Aragón and is the most prominent producer of wine in the appellation. The Cariñena DO is one of the oldest protected wine regions in Europe, having been created in 1932. Cariñena is the birthplace of the grape variety Carignan (Cariñena).

For many centuries the Aguarón region, which encompasses what is known today as Cariñena, was producing wines of such high quality that the royal wine for King Carlos IV was sourced here. The Aguarón region became a major source of grapes to the French wine industry in the 1860s, after Phylloxera had started its destruction of the French vineyards. Many French merchants started moving south and renting wineries and vineyards in order to supply the enormous demand for grapes and wine across the border. Cariñena experienced many years of prosperity and a strong French influence can still be found today. After the Phylloxera plague in France was coming to an end, most of the French merchants went back home. The sudden drop in demand from France resulted in a crisis for the region, shortly followed by Spanish Civil War in the 1930s. Local farmers formed the cooperative to protect their interests, and were backed by the local government, who is now also a shareholder.



Monasterio De Las Viñas Macabeo 2014 Grandes Vinos Y Viñedos

This pure Macabeo is sourced from San José De Aguarón's vineyards, around 500 meters in altitude, from extremely barren land covered with stones. The vines are around 35 years old, with deep roots for water supply. The Macabeo grapes are hand-harvested very early in the morning to retain the freshness and coolness of night. Monasterio De Las Viñas Macabeo is aged sur-lie to add a richer structure to the palate.

Tasting Note

"Fresh citrus, honeysuckle and tropical fruits on the delicately scented nose and a healthy dose of pineapple in the mouth. Light-bodied with a refreshing touch of bitter pear skin, and a delicately spicy finish."

Details

Order Code: 710867

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Synthetic Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Cariñena

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Macabeo

Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 11.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: No Aging

Production: 50,000 Cases



Corona D'Aragón Garnacha Blanca 2015 Grandes Vinos Y Viñedos

Tasting Note

"Pale yellow with green trims. Fresh floral aromas of white flower and ripe notes of Asian pear, apricot and peach in the background. Very fresh and lively, medium-bodied with a persistent finish. Lovely white."

Details

Order Code: 334256

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Cariñena

Colour: White

Grape(s): 87% Grenache Blanc, 13% Chardonnay

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: No Aging

Production: 5,000 Cases



Monasterio De Las Viñas Reserva 2006 *Grandes Vinos Y Viñedos*

The Grenache, Tempranillo and Carignan grapes used for Monasterio de la Viñas Reserva are sourced from 35 to 45-year-old bush-vines. The grapes are cold-soaked for four days at six degrees Celsius and fermented for eight days in stainless steel tanks. Once fermentation is finished, the wine is macerated for 15 to 20 days for optimal colour and flavour extraction. The Tempranillo and Carignan are aged for 12 months in French oak barrels while the Garnacha spends 12 months in American oak barrels. After selection and blending, this Reserva is stored in bottle for an additional 24 months.

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2006 Reserva is a blend of 70% Garnacha, 20% Tempranillo, and 10% Cariñena aged in barrel for 12 months. Spice box, pepper, violets, mineral, black cherry, and plum aromas are followed by a ripe, plush, pleasure-bent red that has enough structure to evolve for 1-2 years. Drink this outstanding value over the next 6-7 years. Bodega San Jose de Aguaron is a large cooperative in the DO of Carinena that controls approximately 1200 hectares with 60% of the vines consisting of Garnacha, 70% of them over 50 years of age. All of their Carinena holdings are bush vines over 45 years of age. Its main brand is labeled Monasterio de las Vinas."

Details

Order Code: 710000

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Cariñena

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Tempranillo & Carignan

Aging Potential: 2021

Alcohol: 11.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 12 Months in French and American Oak

Production: 100,000 Cases



Monasterio De Las Viñas Reserva 2008 *Grandes Vinos Y Viñedos*

The Grenache, Tempranillo and Carignan grapes used for Monasterio de la Viñas Reserva are sourced from 35 to 45-year-old bush-vines. The grapes are cold-soaked for four days at six degrees Celsius and fermented for eight days in stainless steel tanks. Once fermentation is finished, the wine is macerated for 15 to 20 days for optimal colour and flavour extraction. The Tempranillo and Carignan are aged for 12 months in French oak barrels while the Garnacha spends 12 months in American oak barrels. After selection and blending, this Reserva is stored in bottle for an additional 24 months.

Tasting Note

"Very similar to the excellent 2006, but slightly fresher with an expressive nose of strawberries, violets, black pepper, black cherry and a hint of black licorice. Very expressive of the local terroir with a bit of chalky minerality on the finish. Well-balanced, fluid and smooth with a fruity exuberance."

Details

Order Code: 710099

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Cariñena

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Tempranillo & Carignan

Aging Potential: 2021

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 12 Months in French and American Oak

Production: 100,000 Cases



Monasterio De Las Viñas Gran Reserva 2005 *Grandes Vinos Y Viñedos*

The Grenache, Tempranillo and Carignan grapes used for Monasterio de la Viñas Reserva are sourced from 40 to 50-year-old bush-vines. The grapes are cold-soaked for four days at six degrees Celsius and fermented for eight days in stainless steel tanks. Once fermentation is finished, the wine is macerated for 15 to 20 days for optimal colour and flavour extraction. The Tempranillo and Carignan are aged for 24 months in French oak barrels while the Garnacha spends 24 months in American oak barrels. After selection and blending, this Reserva is stored in bottle for an additional 36 months.

91 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2005 Gran Reserva is made up of 60% Garnacha, 30% Tempranillo, and 10% Carinena aged in barrel for 24 months and kept in bottle for 36 months prior to release. A glass-coating opaque purple color, it has greater density and grip than the Reserva cuvée as well as layers of ripe, sweet fruit. Give this nicely balanced wine another 1-2 years of cellaring and drink it from 2013 to 2017. Bodega San Jose de Aguaron is a large cooperative in the DO of Carinena that controls approximately 1200 hectares with 60% of the vines consisting of Garnacha, 70% of them over 50 years of age. All of their Carinena holdings are bush vines over 45 years of age. Its main brand is labeled Monasterio de las Vinas."

Details

Order Code: 710001

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Cariñena

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Tempranillo & Carignan

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 24 Months in French and American Oak

Production: 50,000 Cases



Corona D'Aragón Old Vine Garnacha 2014 *Grandes Vinos Y Viñedos*

The Grenache grapes used for Corona D'Aragón Old Vine Grenache are sourced from 45-year-old bush-vines planted at 500 to 700 meters above sea level. The wine is aged for 4 months in old French Oak.

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Deep red. Spicy and sharply focused on the nose, with a subtle touch of white pepper adding urgency and lift to the fresh red fruit aromas. The wine's tangy redcurrant and bitter cherry flavors unfold slowly with air, communicating very good power and focus. Smooth, sweet and persistent on the spicy, fruit-driven finish, with the peppery note strongly repeating."

Details

Order Code: 334257

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Cariñena

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Grenache

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 4 Months in French Oak

Production: 50,000 Cases



Corona D'Aragón Special Selection 2013 *Grandes Vinos Y Viñedos*

The Grenache and Carignan grapes used for Corona D'Aragón Special Selection are sourced from 40-year-old bush-vines planted at 500 to 700 meters above sea level. The Grenache was aged for 5 Months in 50% French and 50% American Oak and the Carignan was aged for 5 Months in old French Oak.

89 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Vivid ruby-red. The lively, perfumed nose offers scents of ripe red and dark berries, vanilla and white pepper. Sweet and seamless on the palate, displaying cherry compote and clove flavors and a touch of allspice. Closes supple and seamless, with lingering vanilla character and no obvious tannins."

Details

Order Code: 334258

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Cariñena

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Grenache, Carignan

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 5 Months in 50% French and

50% American Oak

Production: 50,000 Cases



Corona D'Aragón Reserva 2009 *Grandes Vinos Y Viñedos*

The Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache and Carignan grapes used for Corona D'Aragón Reserva are sourced from 40-year-old bush-vines planted at 500 to 700 meters above sea level. The wine is aged for 14 months in 70% French and 30% American Oak. After selection and blending, this Reserva is stored in bottle for an additional 36 months.

Tasting Note

"Smoky herbs with dried flowers on the nose with blackberry, sweet dark fruit, violets, licorice and black pepper staining the palate. Finishes with zesty acidity providing and excellent lift. Finishes with good grip, leaving notes of bitter cherry and dark chocolate behind."

Details

Order Code: 334259

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Cariñena

Colour: Red

Grape(s): Tempranillo, Cabernet

Sauvignon, Grenache, Carignan

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 14 Months in 70% French and

30% American Oak

Production: 50,000 Cases



Greatest Value Wines of the Year Robert Parker's Best Wines of 2013

"One of my favorite dry white wines in the world is Jorge Ordoñez & Co.'s Botani 2013, a dry Muscat from an area known for making dessert wines from Moscatel de Alexandria."

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

"Botani stopped me in my tracks the first time I tasted it, at the end of a long day's tasting in London last year. Some people contend that only full-bodied, powerful or concentrated wines stand out in big tastings or in competitions but this fine white is an irrefutable counter-example. It had shape and personality combined with great finesse and delicacy, which I found totally arresting and full of palate-refreshing, fragrant pleasure."

- Julia Harding MW, JancisRobinson.com -

"OK, I admit it: I'm a sucker for Muscat. I love every type of wine that grapes from the Muscat family can make, from light, fizzy Italian Moscato d'Asti to the extra-rich, long-aged fortified Muscats of Australia. I even have liked some dry versions of Muscat, especially those from Alsace. But I have never had a Muscat quite as refined and elegant as the Jorge Ordoñez & Co. Moscatel Sierra de Málaga Botani Seco from Spain."

- Harvey Steiman, Wine Spectator -



Botani Moscatel Seco 2013

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

Botani Moscatel Seco is a truly unique dry white wine, made from Moscatel de Alejandría grapes. It is the product of a rigorous selection process in which only the best Moscatel vines, located on the north-facing mountainside slopes around the town of Almáchar are used. These vineyards are situated on partially decomposed red slate mixed with white quartz. The scant topsoil is punctuated by outcroppings of the bedrock. Because of the steep incline of the vineyards, the grapes are manually harvested into small 10-kilogram boxes, carried to the winery by mules.

92 Points, Guia Peñin

"Color: bright straw. Aroma: fresh, fresh fruit, white flowers, expressive. Palate: flavourful, fruity, good acidity."

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"One of my favorite dry white wines in the world is Jorge Ordoñez & Co.'s 2013 Botani, a dry Muscat from an area known for making dessert wines from Moscatel de Alexandria. Vinified totally dry, it is a riveting, perfumed, flowery white exhibiting notes of melons, honeysuckle and tropical fruits in a light-bodied, zesty, naked style. There are 5,000 cases of this cuvée, which for ten years has been a reference point for what can be accomplished with this grape in terms of making dry wines versus the sweeter wines for which this area is famous."

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

Andalucía, Málaga

Jorge Ordoñez & Co. is the result of a shared passion between Jorge Ordoñez, who was born and raised in Málaga, and the late Alois Kracher, who passed away in 2007, and was renowned for his noble sweet wines from Burgenland and often compared to the best Sauternes'. Alois was succeeded by his son Gerhard, who also took over his position with Jorge Ordoñez & Co. It had always been Jorge's dream restore Málaga to its former glory. Jorge Ordoñez & Co. would become the first winery in Málaga to make a non-fortified sweet wine, and also the first to make a dry Moscatel. The sweet wines were praised for their outstanding quality from their first release, and the dry Botani Moscatel Seco 2013 was described by Robert Parker as "One of my favorite dry white wines in the world". Robert Parker also voted the Botani Moscatel Seco 2012 his best value white wine of the year.

Over several millennia, the Moscatel grape has adapted to the rugged mountain terrain around the city Málaga, and is known locally as Moscatel de Málaga. The Málaga appellation has several different topographical areas but the finest sites for Moscatel production are the steep mountainside-slopes which became known in the United Kingdom as 'Mountain Wine'.

All the white wines at Jorge Ordoñez & Co. are made from the Moscatel de Alejandría (Moscatel of Alexandria) grape and sourced from the geographical area of La Axarquia, in the 'sierras' (mountains), that run parallel to the Mediterranean Sea, not far from the city of Málaga. Moscatel de Alejandría has been cultivated here for more than 2,000 years. The vineyards are situated on partially decomposed red slate intermingled with white quartz. The scant topsoil is punctuated by outcroppings of the mother rock. The soil makes cultivation very difficult here, and labour is very intense due to the steep 40 to 60-degree inclines. The vineyards are non-terraced and are planted over 400 meters above sea level. Mechanical work is impossible due to the crumbly slate and steep mountainsides. The thin topsoil forces the vines to develop roots deep into mother rock as they search for moisture, which also attributes to the distinct minerality found in the grapes they produce. The vines in Jorge Ordoñez & Co.'s vineyards range from 40 years old to well over 100 years old, the average being 70 years old, and each of these vine yields less than one kilogram of grapes.

The goal of Jorge Ordoñez & Co.'s founders was to restore the Málaga DO to its former glory, to re-establish its presence in the world of wine, and to do so with un-fortified dessert wines (in a region where tradition dictated the use of arope, a slow cooked, concentrated grape must, to sweeten the wine) using the most modern of technologies. In their quest they have also developed one of the finest dry Muscats in the world and have now become the benchmark producer of the region.

Details

Order Code: 710066

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Sierras De Málaga

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Muscat of Alexandria

Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 5,000 Cases



Botani Moscatel Seco 2014

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The Ordoñez family, Jorge and his sister Victoria, were the first to try and produce a dry, crisp wine from 100% Muscat de Alexandria in Málaga. This area is known for historic, sweet wines, with ancient history stretching back to 600 B.C. for viticulture. These steep, almost unreal hillside vineyards are planted in decomposed red slate, with a mixture of white quartz. They are complex soils, but the Botani has turned out to be an incredible success story and a great value. The 2014 Botani is light-bodied, shows flowery, fragrant notes with hints of flint, wet stones, plenty of perfumed citrus, orange blossom, tangerine oil and caramelized lemons. Almost all of this is aged in stainless steel, with about one-fifth in older wood, but this spent seven months on its lees prior to bottling. The 2014 is a beautiful wine, as it has been in the past, a dry Muscat that is a killer aperitif or a refreshing white wine."

Details

Order Code: 712342

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 150cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Sierras De Málaga

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Muscat of Alexandria

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 5,000 Cases



Botani Sparkling Muscat 2014

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

The earliest grape harvest in Europe takes place in the steep hillsides of La Axarquia, in the mountains just above the city of Málaga. The combination of poor soils, 85 percent slate with bit of white quartz and clay, and the dry climate, produce some of the finest Muscat grapes in the world. Primary and secondary fermentation both occur in tank to retain as much effervescence as possible, resulting in soft, pleasant and creamy bubbles. The design on the label was inspired by the 'Biznaga', a tradition unique to Málaga city; these floral adornments are commonly referred to as 'Biznagas Malagueñas'. These are basically handcrafted 'flowers' of Jasmine with a very strong, summery aroma. The unique blend of this distinctive fragrance, together with the sea breeze, has inspired many local love songs and poems.

89 Points, Guia Peñin

"Color: bright straw. Aroma: floral, fragrant herbs, candied fruit, citrus fruit. Palate: fresh, fruity, flavourful."

87 Points, The Wine Advocate

"There are 1,000 cases of the 2014 Botani Sparkling Muscat, which comes across like an Italian Moscato. There is serious sweetness here, but the floweriness is a real bell ringer and endearing. It's light to medium-bodied and refreshing."

Details

Order Code: 710067

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: Vino de Mesa

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Muscat of Alexandria

Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 5.5%

Sugar: <88 g/L

Production: 1,000 Cases



N°1 Selección Especial 2014

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

Jorge Ordoñez & CO.'s Selección Especial is a late harvest wine made from Moscatel vines that are over 40 years old. The mountainside vineyards are located in Axarquia between 400 to 750 meters in elevation. Grapes are hand harvested into small 8 to 10-kilogram boxes and carefully sorted on a triage table, pressed, and fermented in stainless steel. Unlike many sweet wines from this area, the alcohol is a result of fermentation only; there is no added alcohol. Fermentation is arrested by cooling the tank once the desired level of alcohol is reached. The residual sugar is 140 grams per liter; it takes four kilograms of grapes to make one 375-milliliter bottle of Selección Especial.

94 Points, Guia Peñin

"Color: bright yellow. Aroma: balsamic herbs, honeyed notes, floral, sweet spices. Palate: rich, fruity, powerful, flavourful, elegant."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Green-tinged yellow. An exotic bouquet evoking peach and pear nectar, candied ginger, white flowers and a hint of honey. Juicy and focused on the palate, offering intense tropical and pit fruit flavors, with brightening and tightening tangy acidity. The sweet but vibrant finish shows strong closing thrust and lingering orange zest."

Details

Order Code: 710062

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Málaga

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Muscat of Alexandria

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 10.0%

Sugar: 140 g/L

Production: 500 Cases



N°2 Victoria 2014

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

Jorge Ordoñez & CO.'s Victoria is made from 50+ year-old vineyards. Only the vines from the top 20 to 30 rows of the mountainside vineyards are used; yields are extremely low. Grapes are hand harvested into small 8 to 10-kilogram boxes and carefully sorted on a triage table and only the healthiest, most mature bunches, are placed in flat, single-layer perforated drying boxes. The grapes are aged in the interior of the winery with the windows and doors open to gently dry them with warm breezes. During the drying process the flats are constantly inspected for disease and rot and are rotated for uniformity. This process usually lasts about two months until the grapes become raisins, after which the bunches are cooled to 14 degrees Celsius before being pressed and fermented in small stainless steel tanks. Once the fermenting wine reaches 13 percent alcohol, it is cooled and the fermentation is stopped at a residual sugar level of 258 grams per liter. It takes seven kilograms of grapes to make one 375-milliliter bottle.

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"An absolutely amazing, decadent, luxurious sweet wine. Truly great stuff, it has loads of honeysuckle, caramelized tropical fruits, hints of maple syrup and brown sugar. The wine is rich, fragrant with plenty of flowery notes intermixed with wet pebble-like minerality. It is full-bodied and unctuously textured, but has enough acidity to balance the sweet, rich texture."

Details

Order Code: 710063

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Málaga

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Muscat of Alexandria

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: 258 g/L

Production: 500 Cases



N°3 Old Vines 2010

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

96 Points, Guia Peñin

"Color: bright golden. Aroma: acetaldehyde, fruit preserve, faded flowers. Taste: good acidity, balanced, round, unctuous."

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright copper color. Smoky, ginger-accented orange marmalade, apricot nectar and floral aromas. Oily, palate-coating pit fruit and bitter orange flavors show intense sweetness leavened by juicy acidity. Round and seamless in texture, with excellent finishing power and sweet, smoky persistence. This exotic wine competes with best sweet, fortified of Australia for sheer decadence, but it isn't fortified."

93 Points, The Wine Advocate

"2010 seems more subtle, harmonious, elegant and clean. The palate is also very harmonious, obviously sweet but not overtly sweet, with very good freshness and very fine, elegant flavors. It's drinkable now, but compared with the 2008 it should develop more aromatic complexity with a little bit more time in bottle, because as the wine sits in the glass it develops more complexity—even showing some curry aromas. 1,300 bottles produced."

Details

Order Code: 710064

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Málaga

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Muscat of Alexandria

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: 278 g/L

Production: 110 Cases



N°3 Old Vines 2005

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

Jorge Ordoñez & CO.'s Viñas Viejas is made from 80 to 100 year-old vineyards. The hand-harvested grapes are sent to a triage table where only the healthiest and most uniform bunches are selected for the drying process. The single-layer perforated drying trays are moved to the interior of the winery, away from the blazing sun. Warm breezes that flow through the open doors and windows of the winery slowly and uniformly dry the grapes. After the two months of drying, bunches are reviewed on a second triage table. Only the finest grapes are pressed and then fermented in large French oak barrels. When the wine has achieved the optimum alcohol level the wine is cooled and fermentation stopped at a residual sugar level of 250 grams per liter. The sugar level is similar to Victoria but because of the fruit concentration and barrel fermentation the results are quite different. It takes about 10 kilograms of grapes for each 375-milliliter bottle.

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Greenish yellow. Explosive perfume of minerally citrus and pit fruits, accompanied by exotic baking spices and floral honey. Sappy apricot preserve and poached pear flavors are given spine by zesty acidity, which enlivens the long, spicy finish. Extremely impressive, and a more oily, sticky rendition than its siblings."

Details

Order Code: 727969

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 37.5cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Málaga

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Muscat of Alexandria

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: 240 g/L

Production: 100 Cases



N°4 Esencia 2011

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

Jorge Ordoñez & CO.'s Esencia is made from overripe bunches from the oldest vines which are over 100 years old. A truly unique grape elixir that is not recognized by the Málaga DO as wine; it is in fact labeled as "partially fermented must". Grapes are hand-harvested into 10-kilogram boxes, carefully selected, and laid to rest in perforated drying boxes for 1.5 to 2.5 months. The slow drying process results in uniformly dry healthy raisins. Before pressing the raisins are macerated with N°3 Old Vines to create liquid so the raisins can be pressed. The must is fermented and aged in large format French oak barrels for two years. It takes an unbelievable 30+ kilograms of grapes to make just one 375-milliliter bottle.

96 Points, The Wine Advocate

"I'm told you need 30 to 35 kilos of grapes to produce one bottle! It has an explosive, exotic nose mixing aromas of white flowers, bay leaf, Mediterranean herbs, evaporated milk, dried apricots and caramelized peach. The palate is sweet and dense, but at the same time it feels light, subtle and complex. The difference with the Old Vines is only the grape selection and the maceration with the must, and I wonder if that's what adds the extra dimension in complexity. A sweet elixir, truly an essence of Moscatel, which should be eternal. Only 1,022 375-ml bottles were produced."

Jorge Ordoñez

Obsessive Crusader, Pioneer & Spanish Wine Ambassador

Jorge Ordoñez has been one of the most influential and recognizable ambassadors to Spanish wines for the better part of 30 years. He almost single-handedly changed the misperceptions about Spanish wines in the United States in the late 1980s, and continues to be a major factor today. When Jorge arrived in the United States in 1987, the state of Spanish wine was bleak and epitomized mostly by cheap sherry and tired Rioja gathering dust on the wine shops' lower shelves. Having grown up in a family wine business in Spain, Jorge quickly recognized the potential for Spanish wine. In order for his vision to succeed however, many changes had to occur on both sides of the Atlantic.

On the American side, a lifetime's worth of misperception had to be overturned. The conventional wisdom was that Spanish wine was pale, flat, low quality, funky and cheap. Jorge knew that some of this resulted from factors external to the wines, such as poor storage and transport conditions and inept marketing. He revered the wines of his homeland and was one of the few to recognize the vast international potential of its old vines and dry-farmed vineyards. But, seeing the trends toward modernity in other countries, he also recognized that Spanish winemaking itself needed revitalization; some traditional methods needed updating, yields needed to be lowered and cleanliness promoted. Jorge's modus operandi was to preserve the wines' heritage and Spanish character while coaxing them into line with the late 20th-century palate. There was risk involved. Instead of pandering to internationalist trends, Ordoñez took the bold step of challenging the American palate by being the first to introduce exotic wines like Albariño, Txakoli and Godello to a market that knew little more than sangria.

Jorge Ordoñez became known as an obsessive crusader for the careful handling of wine. Likewise, he brazenly demanded major improvements in the method of transporting and storing the wine before it reached the consumer. Jorge's company, Fine Estates From Spain, was the first to have a refrigerated warehouse in Spain, refrigerated shipping and demanded proper storage from wineries, transporters and merchants. Yet even as Americans were just becoming aware of names like Ribera del Duero and Rias Baixas, Ordoñez was already pioneering in new areas where potential was vast but winemaking tradition was rustic. In unheralded regions like Jumilla, Calatayud and Montsant, Ordoñez partnered with his most talented winemaking partners to create new wines where none existed, wines infused with the Spanish spirit, yet firmly in line with modern taste sensibilities. Ultimately that has become the new perception of Spanish wine, authentic yet modern. Jorge Ordoñez deserves a huge amount of credit for leading the way in creating a market for Spanish wine where once there was none, and by doing so he confirmed the beliefs of many Spanish winegrowers; their wines deserve a place alongside the greatest wines of the world. For his accomplishments, Jorge was twice named one of 20 wine personalities of the year by Robert Parker and he was awarded The Golden Grape Award by Food & Wine Magazine.

Details

Order Code: 710065

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 37.5cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Andalucía

Appellation: DO Málaga

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Muscat of Alexandria

Aging Potential: 2050+

Alcohol: 7.0%

Sugar: 600 g/L

Production: 1,022 Bottles



"Being the obsessive perfectionist that he is, Jorge Ordoñez can sometimes annoy people, and he seems to have no shortage of competitors who are clearly jealous of his great success. However, as always, the proof is in the bottle, and as readers will see in the report that follows, Jorge Ordoñez has a remarkable portfolio of tremendous wine values. I hope I have done justice to them. Certainly, one could say that Jorge Ordoñez is a gift from Bacchus to thrifty wine consumers."

- Robert Parker -



"This winery created in Rías Baixas by importer Jorge Ordoñez is a perfect example to explain that Albariño is not a banal white grape that is limited to producing fresh and fruity wines that need to be consumed before the next harvest arrives, but the good and profound examples are much better in their second, third or fourth year, some improve and age for even longer, as you can see here"

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

Bodegas La Caña

Galicia, Rias Baixas

Bodegas La Caña was founded by Jorge Ordoñez in 2008 with his aim to produce a classic style of Albariño. Jorge had long been enamoured with the exotic white wines of northern Spain and was one of the first to introduce wines like Albariño, Txakoli and Godello to the North American market. After an already great start, Jorge hired New Zealand winemaker Natalie Christensen in 2013, to oversee the production of La Caña. Natalie started her career at Saint Clair Family Estate in Marlborough and her experience with cool-climate white grapes, especially Sauvignon Blanc and Riesling, added tremendous value to the production of a classic and austere style of Rias Baixas Albariño.

The La Caña winery is located in the Val do Salnés, located in the northernmost section of the Rias Baixas appellation and in close proximity to the Atlantic Ocean. Bodegas La Caña owns 25 hectares of land, located near the winery, which is divided over several very small parcels in the Val do Salnés. The size of these tiny vineyards allows for exceptional quality control. Most of these vineyards are located within less than three kilometers away from the ocean, and were all planted before 1990.



La Caña Old Vines Albariño 2014

Bodegas La Caña

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Light, bright yellow. Lively, sharply focused scents of lime zest, green apple, jasmine, tarragon and ginger. Dry and taut on the palate, offering vibrant citrus and orchard fruit flavors and a hint of smoky minerals that builds with air. The floral note comes back strong on the finish, which shows excellent clarity and firm mineral bite. This wine was aged in stainless steel tanks, with some lees stirring to add body."

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Their 2014 La Caña Albarino, which is from a north-facing vineyard, is aged in stainless steel, although small portions are often barrel-fermented, depending on the vintage. This is a beauty: crisp, exotic, with white peach, honeysuckle and assorted tropical fruits, as well as apricot notes. It is medium bodied, fresh, lively and spent eight months on its lees. Naked in its fruit expression, this wine should drink nicely for another 1-2 years."

Details

Order Code: 710082
Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Galicia
Appellation: DO Rias Baixas
Colour: White
Grape(s): 100% Albariño
Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 12.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 5,000 Cases



La Caña Old Vines Albariño 2015

Bodegas La Caña

The vineyards used for La Caña Old Vines Albariño were planted before 1990, and trained with the Pergola System, which is the traditional system for Rias Baixas. The Pergola System keeps the fruit high off the ground, allowing for better airflow in the humid coastal region, maximizing the health of the grapes and reducing the need for fungicides. The yields for La Caña are approximately five to six tons per hectare. The wine's fermentation is split between stainless steel tanks and large format new to three-year old French oak barrels. Depending on the year, the barrel fermentation proportion might vary 15 to 20 percent. The wine is aged sur-lie for six months.

88 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The different cuvées of Albariño from Bodegas La Caña include the 2015 Albarino, which is 100% Albariño aged eight months sur lie with one-fourth of it in large neutral oak and the balance in stainless-steel tanks. It is a large cuvée of 12,000 cases and the wine is another excellent value. Coming from the northern part of the appellation, the wine has good texture, lots of wet, stony minerality, crisp acids, fresh and delicate apricot and honey notes, with spring flowers in the background."

Details

Order Code: 711582
Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Galicia
Appellation: DO Rias Baixas
Colour: White
Grape(s): 100% Albariño
Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 12.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 5,000 Cases



La Caña Navia Albariño 2010

Bodegas La Caña

La Caña Navia comes from a three-hectare vineyard, divided into two small parcels; both vineyards are over 30 years old. The small size of these vineyards allows for exceptional quality control. The soils are sandy loam from granite origins, and are slightly acidic. Because of the proximity of the sea, the grapes take on a slightly saline quality. The wine is fermented sur-lie in 100 percent French oak barrels of 500 and 600 liters and further aged in bottle before release.

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Intense orange and nectarine scents show excellent clarity and power, with spicy mineral, honeysuckle and mineral qualities adding vivacity. Racy, sharply focused citrus and orchard fruit flavors pick up richer pit fruit and buttery qualities with air, as well as an exotic touch of anise. Mineral-tinged finishing flavors of pear and orange peel linger with outstanding tenacity and clarity; this reminded me a lot of a high-class Chablis."

92 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"There are no traces of oak here, fruit is at the forefront with aromas of yellow plums, ripe, with a slight tropical hint, developing some fresher fennel and aniseed aromas with time in the glass. The palate surprised me with its concentration and mineral, salty taste, flavors that make you salivate, good acidity that calls for food."

Details

Order Code: 710050

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Galicia

Appellation: DO Rias Baixas

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Albariño

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 500 Cases



La Caña Navia Albariño 2013

Bodegas La Caña

La Caña Navia comes from a three-hectare vineyard, divided into two small parcels; both vineyards are over 30 years old. The small size of these vineyards allows for exceptional quality control. The soils are sandy loam from granite origins, and are slightly acidic. Because of the proximity of the sea, the grapes take on a slightly saline quality. The wine is fermented sur-lie in 100 percent French oak barrels of 500 and 600 liters and further aged in bottle before release.

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Brilliant yellow-gold. Potent, mineral-laced citrus and orchard fruits on the intensely perfumed nose. Dry, sharply focused and concentrated, with intense Meyer lemon and pear skin flavors underscored by notes of iodine and fennel. Shows outstanding clarity and thrust on the mineral-dominated finish, which hangs on with outstanding tenacity."

Details

Order Code: 711350

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 150cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Galicia

Appellation: DO Rias Baixas

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Albariño

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 500 Cases



"This joint project between the Bodegas Godeval and Jorge Ordonez was founded in 2007 in the appellation of Valdeorras in Galicia. The white wines are made from Godello, a grape that can produce very fine wines. The red wine comes from the Mencia grape. Godello, which is experiencing a renaissance in Spain, is just beginning to catch favor in the United States."

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

Bodegas Avancia

Galicia, Valdeorras

Bodegas Avancia was established in 2007 and is a project created by Jorge Ordoñez in partnership with Bodegas Godeval. The winery is located in the mountains around the municipality of 'O Barco de Valdeorras' within the Autonomous Community of Galicia. The Godello grape variety is rarely found outside of Valdeorras and nearly went extinct when local farmers abandoned their land for the cities in tough times. It was a pair of government employees working in the area who decided to try to save the local vineyards by developing high quality wines, which were very distinct from those grown elsewhere in Spain. Their plantings of an experimental 16-hectare plot of Godello vines eventually led to the creation of Bodegas Godeval. Jorge Ordoñez became infatuated with these Godellos and was the first to introduce the Godello grape variety to the United States in the early 1990s.

Bodegas Avancia's 35 year-old Godello vineyards are located on the terraced mountain slopes, with soils composed of metamorphic slate, planted at 450 to 550 meters above sea level. The two very old Mencía vineyards are 70 and 85 years old respectively, planted on south-facing hillsides made of decomposed black slate and quartz, and located at 550 meters above sea level.

Cuveé De O Godello 2014

Bodegas Avancia



The grapes for this wine come from four vineyards located on terraced mountain slopes at 450 meter above sea level. The vineyards were planted in 1989, 1992, 1996, and 1998. The soil is composed of metamorphic slate and quartz. Winemaker Nacho Alvarez creates Avancia Cuvee De O Godello from the native Godello grape using only the most modern wine-making techniques to aim for the best possible varietal expression. The grapes are hand harvested into small baskets to prevent bruising. Fermentation in barrels of approximately 25% of the wine, the rest is stainless steel fermented. Aging sur lie takes place for 6 months.

93 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: bright straw. Nose: white flowers, fresh fruit, fragrant herbs, varietal. Palate: flavourful, fruity, good acidity, balanced."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"25% barrel-fermented, the rest raised in stainless steel. Pale gold. Lively, sharply focused citrus and orchard fruit aromas are complemented by anise, succulent herbs and honeysuckle. Dry, minerally and concentrated on the palate, offering intense, refreshingly bitter-edged flavors of Meyer lemon and pear. Closes chewy and long, with building mineral and floral qualities and an echo of fresh citrus fruits. This really transcends the vintage and delivers superb value."

Details

Order Code: 710166

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Galicia

Appellation: DO Valdeorras

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Godello

Aging Potential: 2019

Alcohol: 13.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 2,000 Cases

Godello 2013

Bodegas Avancia



The grapes for this wine come from a single vineyard planted in 1975, located on terraced mountain slopes at 450 meters above sea level. The soil is composed of metamorphic slate and quartz. Winemaker Nacho Alvarez creates Avancia Godello from the native Godello grape using only the most modern wine-making techniques to aim for the best possible varietal expression. The grapes are hand-harvested into small baskets to prevent bruising. The wine is barrel fermented and aged in large French oak barrels for 7 months.

94 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: bright straw. Nose: white flowers, fresh fruit, expressive, fine lees, dried herbs. Palate: flavourful, fruity, good acidity, balanced."

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Barrel-fermented and aged in large French oak casks for seven months. Light yellow-gold. Deeply pitched aromas of melon, nectarine and Meyer lemon, with a chalky mineral nuance adding vivacity. At once rich and lively, offering intense honeydew, pit fruit and anise flavors and a zesty kick of candied ginger. The mineral note recurs on the finish, which hangs on with outstanding tenacity and focus."

Details

Order Code: 710366

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Galicia

Appellation: DO Valdeorras

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Godello

Aging Potential: 2023

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 500 Cases



"This wine delivers exceptional value, especially for its appellation" [Tineta]
- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Antonio Galloni -

"It is a nice representation of a powerful Toro style, and at this quality level, the price is quite good" [Vatan]
- Luis Gutiérrez, The Wine Advocate -

"The soft tannins and fleshy, medium to full-bodied mouthfeel offer substantial flavor and intensity for this price-point."
[Triton Tinta de Toro]
- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

Bodegas Ordoñez

Castilla-Y-Léon

Bodegas Ordoñez is a unique project created by Jorge Ordoñez; it is in fact a collection of several smaller wine projects with the aim to produce highly individual wines, made in a traditional style, from various appellations across Spain. Bodegas Ordoñez is not confined to a single location, although the majority of the portfolio does focus on wines from the Autonomous Community of Castilla-Y-Léon.

In Rueda, Ordoñez produces 'Nisia Old Vines Verdejo' whose vineyards are located in the southeastern-most area of the appellation, at its highest altitude (950 meters). Two of the vineyard's parcels are pre-Phylloxera, un-grafted rootstocks, the oldest being over 120 years old. In Ribera Del Duero, Bodegas Ordoñez produces 'Tineta', from a vineyard called 'El Carril', which was planted between 1975 and 1985. Bodegas Ordoñez also produces wines in Toro; 'Triton Tinta de Toro', and 'Vatan'. Due to the sandy soil, many of the vines in Toro were able to resist Phylloxera, and as a result, many of the vines are un-grafted. The youngest vineyard of the winery was planted in 1942 and the others date back well over a hundred years. The winery's flagship wine is Vatan, which comes from a single, six-hectare vineyard, planted in 1943, however, there is a single-hectare plot within this vineyard that was planted in 1910.



Nisia Verdejo 2015 Bodegas Ordoñez

The grapes for Nisia are sourced from seven small parcels of very old Verdejo vines trained with the Goblet System. Two of the parcels are pre-Phylloxera vines, the oldest being over 120 years old, and the remaining parcels were planted in 1942 with original, un-grafted rootstocks. The vineyards are located on ancient river beds with very sandy topsoils, which are extremely poor, with little organic matter, and covered with river stones. The wine is aged sur-lie, partly fermented in stainless steel and partly in large French oak barrels.

88 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2015 Nisia is from poor, sandy soils of Rueda. This small, 50-acre vineyard has produced a crisp, dry 100% Verdejo that is aged eight months sur lie in 500- to 600-liter demi-muids and 40% in stainless steel. Light straw in color with notes of poached pear, a honeyed citrus and marmalade note and a medium body. This crisp, fresh, refreshing, surprisingly intense dry white should drink well for another year."

88 Points, Wine Spectator

"Pear, green almond and herbal flavors mingle in this fleshy white. Firm acidity keeps this focused, and the fruit shows depth and persistence. Drink now."

Details

Order Code: 711576

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-Y-Léon

Appellation: DO Rueda

Colour: White

Grape(s): 100% Verdejo

Aging Potential: 20219

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 4,000 Cases



Tineta 2012 Bodegas Ordoñez

The vineyards used south facing vineyards are at 802 meters above sea level. The grapes for this wine come from a vineyard that was planted between 1975 and 1985 called "El Carril". The soils are alluvial with a mixture of clay, sand, and gravel. Tineta was fermented in stainless steel and then transferred and aged into three-year-old barrels for seven months.

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Deep ruby. High-pitched red berry and floral scents are lift deeper notes of wood smoke, licorice and mocha. Sappy, penetrating raspberry and cherry cola flavors show impressive clarity and energy, picking up an allspice nuance with air. Finishes juicy and long, with supple tannins and excellent focus. This wine delivers exceptional value, especially for its appellation."

Details

Order Code: 710076

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-Y-Léon

Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 2,500 Cases



Tritón Tinta De Toro 2012

Bodegas Ordoñez

Tritón Tinta de Toro is made with the Tinta de Toro grape, one of Spain's oldest Tempranillo clones that is native to Toro. The grapes for this wine come from two vineyards, totaling 10.5 hectares, located in the town of Morales de Toro, at 800 meters above sea level. One plot is 6.5 hectare and was planted in 1963, the other is four hectares and was planted in 1956. All vineyards are trained in the Vaso (Goblet) System. Average yields are approximately two tons per hectare. The soil is very sandy and is intermixed with alluvial gravel. Two to three meters below the surface, there is a red clay subsoil, which acts as a reservoir of moisture which is crucial in this arid region. Tritón Tinta de Toro is fermented in stainless steel tanks. After fermentation, it is transferred to one to three-year old Burgundy and Bordeaux barrels for malolactic fermentation. It is then aged for 18 months.

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"These moderately old parcels, planted in 1956 and 1963, have yielded .81 tons of fruit per acre, which is virtually nothing. Aged 18 months in 1- to 3-year-old Burgundy and Bordeaux barrels, this outstanding 2012 boasts a deep purple color along with notes of charcoal, graphite, blueberries and blackberries, a medium to full-bodied mouthfeel, a voluptuous texture, and a seductive style."

Details

Order Code: 768572

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-Y-Léon

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto de Toro

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 500 Cases



Tritón Tinta De Toro 2014

Bodegas Ordoñez

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2015 Tritón Tinta De Toro is a stunning wine from this relatively modest appellation and vineyard owned by Jorge Ordoñez and his partners. The wine, 100% Tinto de Toro, spent eight months sur lie in Burgundy and Bordeaux barrels. It is a killer example of Toro, which produces relatively full-throttle, intense wines from ungrafted vines. This beauty, inky purple in color, offers up notes of graphite, forest floor, blackberry and cassis in a full-bodied, pedal-to-the-metal, long, rich and concentrated style. At \$20.00 it is a remarkable value and probably capable of lasting up to a decade, although there is no reason to defer your gratification."

Details

Order Code: 799572

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-Y-Léon

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto de Toro

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 500 Cases



Vatan 2012

Bodegas Ordoñez

Vatan comes from six Hectares of vineyard planted in 1943, however, there is a single Hectare plot within this vineyard that was planted in 1910. The average yield of the vineyard is approximately one ton per Hectare. The soils are very sandy, intermixed with alluvial gravel. Six to nine feet below the surface, there is a red clay subsoil, which acts as a reservoir of moisture, which is crucial in this arid region. After fermentation in stainless steel, it is transferred to new French oak barrels where it undergoes malolactic fermentation and is aged for 22 months.

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Inky ruby. Bright red fruits and spicecake on the highly perfumed nose, with sexy incense and floral notes adding nuance. Deep, sweet and energetic, boasting excellent clarity and vibrancy to its blackberry and bitter cherry flavors. Silky tannins build on the long, pliant, scented finish, which features powerful dark fruit preserve and violet pastille qualities."

93 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: wet leather, aged wood nuances, ripe fruit, mineral. Palate: spicy, long, toasty."

Details

Order Code: 710199

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-Y-Léon

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto de Toro

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 500 Cases



"It is a great value that over-delivers in a big way" [Volver]

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

"It is difficult to imagine getting more for your purchasing power than these efforts." [Venta Morales]

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

"These amazing efforts taste more like they should cost \$30 to \$50 as opposed to the mid-teens." [Tarima Hill]

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

Bodegas Volver

Castilla-Y-León & Alicante

Bodegas Volver is a joined venture between Jorge Ordoñez and winemaker Rafael Cañizares and was first established in 2003. Bodegas Volver produces wines in the Autonomous Communities of Castilla-La Mancha, Alicante and Murcia.

The grapes for Paso A Paso and Volver are sourced from various vineyards, totalling just over 100 hectares. The soils of Bodegas Volver's vineyards, which are located at an altitude of up to 660 meters, are extremely sandy; these are about the poorest soils possible for viticultural use. The deeper layers of sand are blended with small chunks of pure chalk but the first 30 centimeters of topsoil consists mainly of sand blended with red clay. The Tempranillo vines used for Paso A Paso were planted in 1970 and the Volver vineyard was planted in 1957.

The grapes for Tarima are sourced from vineyards located in the highest elevation in the DO Alicante, at 600 to 750 meters altitude. These vineyards are very shallow and extremely low in organic materials. It is not rare to find un-grafted vines planted in this region; due to the amount of sand in the soil Phylloxera has never found hold here. The Tarima vineyards were planted between 1925 and 1981.



Tarima Sparkling Moscatel 2014

Bodegas Volver

88 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Exotic pit and tropical fruit scents are accented by a subtle touch of white flowers. Smooth, round and intensely fruity, offering juicy peach and mango flavors and a refreshingly bitter jolt of orange pith on the back half. Closes smooth and subtly spicy, with good persistence and an echo of juicy pit fruits."

Details

Order Code: 718871
Availability: September

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Piemonte
Appellation: DO Alicante
Colour: White
Grape(s): Moscatel, Merseguera
Aging Potential: 2017

Alcohol: 7%
Sugar: <90 g/L

Production: 1,000 Cases



Tarima Blanco 2015

Bodegas Volver

The grapes for this unique wine come from 20 hectares of vineyards planted between 1960 and 1970 on chalky soils and produce very low yields. Tarima Blanco is blended from an interesting mix of grapes, Merseguera, Viura and Moscatel. The grapes are harvested by hand in early September and fermented in stainless steel tanks.

87 Points, Wine Spectator

"This round white is fruit-forward, with peach, Gala apple and tangerine flavors. Citrusy acidity keeps this lively, fresh and balanced. Merseguera, Macabeo and Moscatel."

Details

Order Code: 710253
Availability: September

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Synthetic Cork

Region: Valencia
Appellation: DO Alicante
Colour: White
Grape(s): Viura, Moscatel, Merseguera
Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 13.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 2,500 Cases



Venta Morales Tempranillo 2014

Bodegas Volver

The grapes for Venta Morales come from vineyards planted in 1980, found in Cuenca, in the easternmost part of La Mancha and the best region in the appellation. The one-foot-deep topsoil is composed of sand and red clay blended with chunks of pure chalk. Underneath, the soil is composed of a mix of sand and chalk. The vines are planted at 660 meters above sea level. Venta Morales, though sold as Bodegas Venta Morales, is very much a product of Bodegas Volver and also produced by winemaker Rafael Cañizares.

89 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Vibrant red and dark berry aromas are complemented by hints of cola and candied flowers. Silky and open-knit, showing good energy and appealing sweetness to its blackberry and cherry compote flavors. This fresh, seamless, fruit-driven wine finishes on a tangy note, with gentle tannins and lingering spiciness. There's outstanding value here."

87 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"The 2014 Tempranillo is treated the exact same way as the organic cuvée, but for some reason seems to come across with slightly more luscious fruit, perhaps a slightly darker ruby hue and a delicious, soft, supple mouthfeel. These wines are meant to be drunk in their exuberant 1-2 years of youth."

Details

Order Code: 710070

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Synthetic Cork

Region: Castilla-La Mancha

Appellation: Vino De La Tierra De

Castile

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2019

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 30,000 Cases



Paso A Paso Tempranillo 2015

Bodegas Volver

Paso A Paso Tempranillo comes from low-yielding vineyards, planted between 1960 and 1980. The sandy topsoil has a thick substratum of limestone and clay, rich in iron. The grapes are hand-harvested and transferred in small boxes to prevent bruising. A long and slow maceration and fermentation of the must is followed by aging for six months in two to dry-year old French Oak barrels. These are the same barrels used to age Volver when new.

88 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Even better is the 2015 Paso a Paso Tempranillo (Nonorganic). This has a purple label, versus the blood-orange label of the organic cuvée, and is from vines planted in 1970, but not subject to organic cultivation. This unfiltered 100% Tempranillo shows blueberry and black raspberry fruit and a big, spicy, medium to full-bodied mouthfeel with loads of fruit. It is a much richer, bigger and deeper wine than its organic counterpart. Drink it over the next several years. This is one of the top value wineries in all of Spain, working from generic appellations such as La Mancha to Jumilla and Alicante. They produce an amazing amount of inexpensive, high-quality wine that sells for a song."

Details

Order Code: 710072

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Synthetic Cork

Region: Castilla-La Mancha

Appellation: DO La Mancha

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 4,000 Cases



Volver Single Vineyard Tempranillo 2013

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

Volver comes a 29-hectare single vineyard called "Finca Los Juncares". Planted in 1957, this low-yielding vineyard lies at an altitude of 660 meters above sea level. The topsoil is sandy and up to one meter in depth, with a lot of iron-rich clay, and a thick layer of chalk mixed in. Winters are very cold; summers are hot and arid with cool nights. After very careful vineyard selections, only the best Tempranillo grapes are hand-harvested.

90 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: spicy, creamy oak, fruit preserve. Palate: flavourful, toasty, balanced."

89 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"The 2013 Volver Single Vineyard, 100% Tempranillo from La Mancha as opposed to Tierra de Castilla, was aged in new French oak for 18 months and bottled unfiltered. This is a serious wine from one of their finest vineyards, Finca los Juncares. This wine shows deep ruby/purple color, notes of licorice, blackcurrant and black cherry, perfect fruit on the attack, medium body, impressive intensity, purity and texture. This should drink well for 3-4 years."

Details

Order Code: 711073

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-La Mancha

Appellation: DO La Mancha

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 5,000 Cases



Volver Single Vineyard Tempranillo 2014 *Jorge Ordoñez & Co.*

92 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"The 2014 Volver Single Vineyard comes from a parcel of vines planted in 1957 called Finca Los Juncares. It is 100% Tempranillo aged 15 months in French oak and bottled unfiltered. It is a relatively small cuvée of 3,000 cases, but it's a stunning wine, with notes of unsmoked cigar tobacco, licorice and blackcurrants. This opaque purple-colored wine has a full-body, showing toasty notes intermixed with blackberry and cassis. It's a beauty – an internationally styled, modern version of Tempranillo to drink over the next 5-6 years. This is one of the top value wineries in all of Spain, working from generic appellations such as La Mancha to Jumilla and Alicante. They produce an amazing amount of inexpensive, high-quality wine that sells for a song."

Details

Order Code: 719973

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Orginal Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-La Mancha

Appellation: DO La Mancha

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 3,000 Cases



Tarima Organic Monastrell 2012 *Jorge Ordoñez & Co.*

The vineyards for Tarima are located between the mountain ranges of Sierra de Salinas, Sierra de Umbria and Sierra de la Sima, at an altitude of 600 to 750 meters. This certified organic Monastrell comes from vines planted between 1992 and 1997. The vines are trained with the Vaso (Goblet) System in an allnatural,organic process and without irrigation. The combination of soil profile and diverse altitudes within this very small area sets up a microclimate that is predominately Continental, along with some Mediterranean influence. The wine is stainless steel fermented with some stirring of the lees to attain the maximum expression of the variety.

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Displays an opaque purple color along with abundant blueberry and black raspberry fruit intermixed with a hint of crushed chalk. A medium to full-bodied red with amazing concentration, big, savory, mouth-filling."

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright purple. Fresh, spice-accented dark berry scents, complicated by lavender and peppery spices. Fleshy and smooth in texture, offering sweet blackberry and spicecake flavors and a hint of licorice. Fine-grained tannins add shape to the finish, which leaves floral and allspice notes behind. It's hard to beat this wine for sheer value."

Details

Order Code: 710071

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Synthetic Cork

Region: Valencia

Appellation: DO Alicante

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Monastrell

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 2,500 Cases



Tarima Monastrell 2015 *Jorge Ordoñez & Co.*

The vineyards for Tarima are located between the mountain ranges of Sierra de Salinas, Sierra de Umbria and Sierra de la Sima, at an altitude of 600 to 750 meters. Planted between 1972 and 1979, the bedrock is dry and shallow, and is primarily composed of limestone, the topsoil is intermixed with pieces of pure chalk. The combination of the soil profile and diverse altitudes in this area give this region a very unique terroir. The wine is stainless steel fermented with some stirring of the lees to attain the maximum expression of the variety.

91 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Another terrific value is the 2015 Tarima (Nonorganic) from Alicante and another 100% Mourvèdre cuvée, aged six months in French oak. This wine has terrific aromatics, broad, expansive flavors, about 15% natural alcohol and an expansive, heady mouthfeel. This is rich, dense and Provençal in its flavor components. Totally aged in used oak and stainless steel, the wine is a real sleeper and big-time winner in the values sweepstakes. Drink it over the next several years. This is one of the top value wineries in all of Spain, working from generic appellations such as La Mancha to Jumilla and Alicante. They produce an amazing amount of inexpensive, high-quality wine that sells for a song."

Details

Order Code: 733393

Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Synthetic Cork

Region: Valencia

Appellation: DO Alicante

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Monastrell

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 2,500 Cases



Tarima Hill Old Vines Monastrell 2013

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

The name Tarima Hill pays homage to its location at the foot of the mountains; these vines were planted between 1935 and 1970 at an elevation ranging between 600 to 750 meters above sea level. Tarima Hill's grapes are selected from 20 hectares of un-grafted Monastrell vines. Tarima Hill undergoes malolactic fermentation in barrels and is aged in 100 percent French oak for 20 months.

93 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: roasted coffee, smoky, ripe fruit, fruit liqueur notes. Palate: flavourful, smoky aftertaste, ripe fruit."

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright purple. An exotically perfumed bouquet displays scents of fresh black and blue fruits, licorice, vanilla and peppery spices. Juicy and incisive on the palate, offering sweet boysenberry and cassis flavors that flesh out on the back half. Sappy and concentrated, yet quite lively, finishing with smooth, shaping tannins and a strong punch. This sexy wine went through malolactic fermentation and was aged in French oak barrels for 20 months."

Details

Order Code: 710056

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Valencia

Appellation: DO Alicante

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Monastrell

Aging Potential: 2024

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 5,000 Cases



Tarima Hill Old Vines Monastrell 2014

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Lastly, the 2014 Tarima Hill, from Alicante, is also 100% Mourvèdre aged 20 months in French oak and from the oldest vines of the estate, planted 1935–1975. They are also relatively high elevation, at 2,000 to 2,400 feet above sea level. This wine shows wonderful, pure aromatics of blueberry, black raspberries, chalk and spring flowers. The wine has beautiful, full-bodied texture, impressive ripeness and purity and length. The minerality is present, and the wine a heck of a value. Drink over the next 4–5 years. This is one of the top value wineries in all of Spain, working from generic appellations such as La Mancha to Jumilla and Alicante. They produce an amazing amount of inexpensive, high-quality wine that sells for a song."

Details

Order Code: 719956

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Valencia

Appellation: DO Alicante

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Monastrell

Aging Potential: 2024

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 5,000 Cases



Triga 2012

Jorge Ordoñez & Co.

Triga is a brand-new project from Jorge Ordóñez and winemaker Rafael Cañizares and produced together with famous Australian winemaker Chris Ringland.. The five vineyards used to produce Triga are located near the largest marble quarry in the world. Four of the five vineyards are planted with Monastrell, the oldest of which was planted in 1925. The fifth vineyard is made up of Cabernet Sauvignon, planted in 1981. Triga's vineyards stand on fossilized chalk with a stone topsoil at an altitude of 700-750 meters above sea level. Most of these vines are un-grafted and Phylloxera-free.

94 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: mineral, expressive, spicy. Palate: flavourful, ripe fruit, long, good acidity, balanced."

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"85% Monastrell and 15% Cabernet Sauvignon. Made from the estate's oldest Monastrell vines, planted back to 1925. Inky ruby. An exotically perfumed bouquet evokes fresh black and blue fruits, incense, potpourri and five-spice powder. Stains the palate with intense boysenberry and cherry compote flavors, given spine and lift by a zesty mineral nuance. Densely packed yet lithe, finishing with outstanding thrust and smooth tannins that build slowly."

Details

Order Code: 711054

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Valencia

Appellation: DO Alicante

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 85% Monastrell, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 1,000 Cases



"This is an amazing terroir of steep hillsides and ancient head-pruned vines.... Frankly, I was at a loss for words when I tasted it. It may be the most amazing wine I have ever tasted at this price in over three decades. The wine world is changing, and Jorge Ordonez and his associates deserve a huge amount of credit for producing something this remarkable at this price point. Consumers should fill their trunks with these beauties." [Breca 2010]

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

Bodegas Breca

Aragón, Calatayud

Bodegas Breca was created by Jorge Ordoñez in 2005. The winery is located in the town of Mundobriga, which was the ancient Celt-Iberian city that gave birth to the modern village of Munebrega in Aragón. The winery is located on the outskirts of the village and the vineyards are nestled in the high altitude valleys between the Sierra de Pardos and the Sierra de Peña Blanca. The winery owns 265 hectares of old-vine Garnacha vineyards, situated high hillsides between 950 to 1,000-meter elevation.

Breca's vineyards were planted between 1925 and 1968. The vines are planted in two different soil types; decomposed slate and gravelly red clay. Even though there is very little rainfall in the region, the clay holds sufficient water for the vines to obtain moisture and to be grown without irrigation. There is little rainfall in this region; blistering temperatures during the growing season are moderated by cool nights. Winters are cold, frosts are common for almost six months of the year. These harsh climates, coupled with the dryness of the region, greatly affect yield.

Bodegas Breca's wines are sturdy and flamboyant, filled with powerful fruit. They offer surprising amounts of tannins and age quite well considering their price.



Garnacha De Fuego Rosé 2015 Bodegas Breca

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"An absolutely spectacular rosé, the 2015 Garnacha De Fuego Rosé (my pick as a top value in dry rosés from around the world) is 100% Grenache rosé, with malolactic blocked, aged totally in stainless steel. It has a light, almost neon-pink color and delicate strawberry and cranberry fruit notes, with a hint of pomegranate. It is fresh, lively, ripe, medium-bodied, and has more texture and length than one usually expects in a rosé. Drink it over the next year. This is a big-time winner. This excellent winery in the value paradise of Calatayud is a large one, with more than 380 acres planted. The yields are remarkably small, as most of the vines are old, averaging only 1.2 tons of fruit per acre."

Details

Order Code: 719845
Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Synthetic Cork

Region: Aragón
Appellation: Vino de la Tierra de Aragón
Colour: Rosé
Grape(s): 100% Grenache
Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 5,000 Cases



Garnacha De Fuego 2014 Bodegas Breca

The winery owns 265 hectares of old-vine Garnacha vineyards situated high on hillsides ranging from 950-1,000 meters above sea level. The old-vine vineyards used for Garnacha de Fuego were planted between 1945 and 1968, located in the valleys between Sierra de Pardos and Sierra de Peña Blanca. The vines are planted in two different soil-types; decomposed slate and gravelly red clay soils. There is very little rainfall in the region but the clay holds sufficient water for the vines to obtain moisture and to be grown without irrigation. Grapes are carefully hand-sorted and only perfectly mature clusters are selected. Fermentation occurs in stainless steel tanks, where Fuego is also aged for 6 months.

Details

Order Code: 710069
Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Synthetic Cork

Region: Aragón
Appellation: Vino de la Tierra de Aragón
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Grenache
Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.5%

Production: 10,000 Cases

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Dark purple. Deeply pitched cherry, cassis and pipe tobacco aromas are brightened by floral and peppery spice qualities. Cherry compote and plum jam flavors coat the palate, with juicy acidity providing shape and back-end cut. Gains focus as well as depth with air and finishes sweet, smooth and quite long, with fine-grained tannins adding grip. Pretty serious in style for a Garnacha and a seriously great value as well."



Breca Old Vines Garnacha 2011

Bodegas Breca

Breca Old Vines Grenache is sourced from the same vineyards as Garnacha de Fuego but selected from the oldest plots, planted between 1925 and 1945. Like Fuego, the grapes are carefully hand-sorted and only perfectly mature clusters are selected. The yields from these older plots are much lower due to the age of the vines; less than 2.47 tons per Hectare. Breca Old Vines Grenache is fermented in stainless steel tanks and aged in French oak barrels, which range from new to three-years old, for 21 months.

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Made from garnacha vines that were reportedly planted between 1925 and 1945; aged for 21 months in small French oak. Opaque ruby. Ripe blackberry and boysenberry aromas are complemented by deeper-pitched notes of mocha and licorice. At once rich and lively, offering vibrant dark fruit preserve flavors and a kick of peppery spices. Smooth, seamless and sweet on the very persistent finish, which leaves notes of blueberry and espresso behind."

90 Points, Wine Spectator

"This dense red shows a savory character, with tar, ink and licorice notes framing the core of plum and meat flavors. Features firm, well-integrated tannins and fresh acidity. Distinctive."

Details

Order Code: 672253

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Calatayud

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Grenache

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 15.5%

Production: 5,000 Cases



Breca Old Vines Garnacha 2012

Bodegas Breca

96 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: ripe fruit, spicy, creamy oak, toasty, complex, dark chocolate, earthy notes. Palate: powerful, flavourful, toasty, round tannins."

91 Points, The Wine Advocate

"This outstanding red is the poor man's Priorat. Mineral notes of wet slate and gun flint are intermixed with blackcurrant, black cherry and cassis fruit in this dense, full-bodied, pure, lavishly rich, intense Spanish red. It is hard to believe what one can get at this price point if the importer and wine producer are committed to high quality."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright purple. Deeply pitched dark berry and spicecake aromas are complicated by a floral nuance and a hint of mocha. Sweet and expansive in the mouth, offering fleshy black raspberry and cherry compote flavors enlivened by a jolt of cracked pepper. Closes sweet and very long, with supple tannins and lingering spice and mineral notes."

Details

Order Code: 710068

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Calatayud

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Grenache

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 15.5%

Production: 5,000 Cases



Breca Old Vines Garnacha 2013

Bodegas Breca

92 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: creamy oak, ripe fruit. Palate: spicy, sweetness."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Vivid ruby. Sexy, mineral-laced aromas of fresh red berries, candied flowers and Asian spices, with a hint of cola in the background. Sweet, concentrated and seamless, offering intense raspberry and cherry compote flavors and a touch of vanilla. Clings with impressive authority on the finish, which features supple tannins and lingering floral character."

89 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The top wine, and a real winner, is the 2013 Breca, which is aged in three-year-old French oak for 21 months prior to being bottled unfiltered. Loads of flinty mineral characteristics are present in the aromatics. The wine offers black cherry, black raspberry notes and licorice, followed by pure, medium to full-bodied ripe fruit, good acidity and a surprisingly long finish. This is another killer value. Drink it over the next 2-3 years."

Details

Order Code: 725670

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 150cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Aragón

Appellation: DO Calatayud

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Grenache

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 15.5%

Production: 5,000 Cases



"Outstanding value here; there are very few all-Graciano Riojas made, and they all cost a lot more than this one. This wine delivers uncanny value and has the structure to age."

- Josh Reynolds, Vinous Antonio Galloni -



Rio Madre 2013 *Bodegas Illurce*

These Graciano grapes are sourced from vineyards that are approximately 25 years old. The vines are planted in the Goblet system on chalky soils located at 600 meters above sea level. The grapes are hand-harvested into small baskets to prevent bruising and brought to triage tables for selection of only the healthiest, ripest grapes. The juice undergoes a long and slow maceration process to extract the greatest aroma concentration and colour potential. The complexity of the wine is enhanced by malolactic fermentation.

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Aged in French oak for ten months in French oak. Vivid purple. Smoky blackcurrant, cherry and violet aromas show very good clarity and zesty mineral lift. Juicy and focused on the palate, with the bitter cherry and dark berry flavors becoming sweeter with air. Smoothly combines power and finesse, finishing with strong punch, sneaky tannins and lingering berry and floral qualities. Delivers outstanding value, especially for a difficult vintage."

Bodegas Illurce

La Rioja, Rioja

Rio Madre was first produced in 2010; it is a brand created by Jorge Ordoñez who personally selects individual barrels of high quality Graciano wine made by Bodegas y Viñedos Illurce in Rioja. Bodegas y Viñedos Illurce is owned by the Escudero Carra family, who have been farming in Rioja for four generations. Illurce's Graciano vineyards are located in the easternmost part of Rioja Baja, near the town of Alfaro, at an elevation of 600 meters above sea level. These vineyards were planted in 1990 and are situated on well-drained slopes with excellent exposure to the sun.

Rioja Baja is a sub-region of DOC Rioja and forms the largest portion of the appellation. It extends southeast of the provincial capital, Logrono, to the small town of Alfaro, and is housed mostly within the La Rioja autonomous community, although it creeps into Navarra in some parts. The Graciano grape has long been fundamental to the wine industry in Rioja. Winemakers depend on it to add a wonderful floral bouquet and complexity to their blends, however, it is rarely has it been used on its own. When Jorge Ordoñez came across Bodegas y Viñedos Illurce's Graciano vineyards, he noticed the excellent quality of these grapes and believed they would be capable of producing a wine that exemplifies the best that the grape has to offer.

Details

Order Code: 710084
Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Synthetic Cork

Region: La Rioja
Appellation: DOC Rioja
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Graciano
Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 5,000 Cases



Bodegas Neo

"Bodegas Neo consists of a bunch of young guys having the time of their lives... but when it comes down to their top two wines, they are deadly serious"

- Jay Miller, The Wine Advocate -

"Ultra-modern... A new classic"

- John Radford, Decanter Magazine -

Bodegas Neo

Castilla-Y-León, Ribera Del Duero

Bodegas Neo is the physical manifestation of a dream shared by three childhood friends; Javier Ajenjo, José Luís Simón and Julio César Conde. In 1999 they pulled together all their savings in order to create a wine they wanted to drink themselves. Their first vintage, produced in a rented corner of a bodega, was Neo 2000, with a production of just 6,000 bottles. The three friends then moved their venture into an old watermill where they developed their unique way of making and selling wine. Bodegas Neo's state-of-the-art winemaking facility is located in the municipality of Castrillo de la Vega, just a few kilometres away from the town of Aranda de Duero, in the appellation of Ribera del Duero.

Bodegas Neo is well-known for its outstanding 'New-Wave' Tempranillos; wines of great concentration, substance and individual character. Neo Punta Esencia 2009 was chosen by the late John Radford (Decanter's Spanish expert) as his top Ribera del Duero of 2009, and Robert Parker has likened the same cuvée to a Bordeaux first or second growth, commenting that the estate produces one of Spain's most outstanding reds.



Sentido 2011 Bodegas Neo

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2011 Sentido is pure Tempranillo showing aromas of ripe black cherries and blackberries with hints at the heat of the vintage in the shape of hay and straw. The palate is medium to full-bodied, with coarse tannins and an oak-driven, slightly drying and warm ending."

90 Points, Guía Repsol

"Burgundy red colour with violet rim, translucent. Notes of flowers, lightly candied fruit and good toasted hints. Balanced, bold palate with lingering finish."

Details

Order Code: 710245

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 2,500 Cases



Neo 2004 Bodegas Neo

96 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2004 Neo, from a better vintage than the 2003, is a more hedonistic effort. It is more expansive aromatically and offers greater complexity on the palate. This opulent wine is full-bodied, layered, and concentrated. Its structure is well-hidden but, make no mistake, this wine should blossom over the next 8-10 years for those with patience and will provide pleasure through 2030."

96 Points, Wine Spectator

"This dense Spanish red shows power and harmony. It fills the palate with black plum, dark chocolate, mineral and game flavors, ripe, rich and thick. Muscular tannins dominate, but this remains focused and balanced. Sweet fruit and spice linger on the finish."

93 Points, Wine Enthusiast, Editor's Choice

"Smooth as silk and deep as night, this is a wonderful new-age wine with voluminous tree bark, maple and cassis aromas as well as a sweet undertext of perfume. The palate presents the truest mix of weight and finesse, and the finish is coffee, fine-knit tannins and length."

Details

Order Code: 710245

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 15 Months in New Oak, 80%

French, 20% American

Production: 1,400 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Neo 2005 *Bodegas Neo*

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2005 Neo was sourced from 50- to 60-year-old low-yielding Tempranillo vines. The wine was aged for 15 months in French and American oak and bottled without fining or filtration. Opaque purple-colored, it offers an alluring bouquet of pain grille, mineral, leather, espresso, and blackberry. This leads to a full-bodied, layered, intense wine with incipient complexity, serious structure, and 5-7 years of aging potential."

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"This finely chiseled red delivers power with finesse. The solid structure is a smooth platform for focused flavors of cassis, dark chocolate, mineral and smoke. It's oaky now, but there's plenty of fruit for balance."

Details

Order Code: 710145

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 15 Months in New Oak, 80%

French, 20% American

Production: 2,000 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Neo 2006 *Bodegas Neo*

91+ Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2006 Neo spent 15 months in French and American oak. It is more deeply colored with a brooding bouquet of pencil lead, violets, incense, and black cherry. More structured on the palate, it will benefit from 4-6 years of cellaring."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Inky ruby. Ripe blackberry and blackcurrant aromas are complicated by notes of cola, smoked meat and rose oil. Broad, palate-staining dark fruit flavors lead to slow-building tannins. The cola note comes up strongly on the finish, lending an impression of sweetness. Plenty appealing now but this wine possesses the depth to age."

Details

Order Code: 710246

Availability: November

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 15 Months in New Oak, 80%

French, 20% American

Production: 2,000 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Neo 2007 *Bodegas Neo*

91 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2007 Neo is medium purple in color with an attractive nose of smoke, violets, mineral, blueberry, and blackberry. Succulent and well-balanced on the palate, this lengthy effort has enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Inky purple. Highly expressive bouquet evokes blueberry, pungent herbs, potpourri and sandalwood, with a smoky lashing of oak spices. Creamy, palate-coating dark berry flavors show liqueur-like depth, with gentle acidity providing spine and shape. Velvety tannins come up on the finish but are quickly sucked up by the wine's lush, sappy fruit. This is already delicious but there's plenty of fruit to see it through at least another five years of aging."

Details

Order Code: 710247

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 15 Months in New Oak, 80%

French, 20% American

Production: 2,000 Cases

Note: Ex-Cellar, Library Release



Neo 2010
Bodegas Neo

93 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2010 Neo is excellent, with fresh fruit aromas, mixing red and black berries with black pepper, vanilla and other spices and developing a floral undertone after aeration. It's elegant and complex, very well balanced, pleasant and easy to drink. Proof that you can make a drinkable red with a judicious 20-month élevage. Bravo!"

Details

Order Code: 710146
Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl
Packaging: Original Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon
Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino
Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 20 Months in New Oak, 90% French, 10% American
Production: 2,000 Cases



Neo Punta Esencia 2004
Bodegas Neo

98 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2004 Neo Punta Esencia is made only in the very best vintages (2004 certainly qualifies in Ribera del Duero). The wine receives the 200% new oak treatment (12 months in new oak with racking into another set of new oak for an additional 4 months) and is bottled unfiltered. The wine is nearly black in color and has already soaked up much of the new oak. The nose is super-expressive and complex with pain grille, black currant, blackberry liqueur, and blueberry jam holding sway. Densely packed and stacked, with layer upon layer of ripe fruit, its tannins virtually concealed, this full-bodied, beautifully balanced wine is a near-monument and purchasers should give it the necessary time (10+ years) to strut its stuff."

Details

Order Code: 710147
Availability: Limited

Case Format: 3 x 75cl
Packaging: Original Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon
Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino
Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 19 Months in New French Oak
Production: 350 Cases



Neo Punta Esencia 2005
Bodegas Neo

96+ Points, The Wine Advocate

"Purple/black in color, the wine reveals a brooding nose of toasty oak, vanilla, mineral, scorched earth, espresso, blueberry, blackberry liqueur, and licorice. Full-bodied, large-scaled and powerful, the wine is still tightly wound but has all the components needed for greatness."

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Deep ruby. Smoky dark berries and cherry liqueur on the nose, with complicating notes of Asian spices, cola and cured meat. Luscious dark berry flavors are impressively lithe and precise, betraying no excess weight or overt oakiness. Silky tannins add gentle grip to the impressively long, exuberant finish, which leaves behind hints of cola, cracked pepper and mocha."

Details

Order Code: 710148
Availability: November

Case Format: 3 x 75cl
Packaging: Original Wooden Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon
Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino
Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 19 Months in New French Oak
Production: 350 Cases



Neo Punta Esencia 2006

Bodegas Neo

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"It reveals a room-filling aromatic array of pain grille, mineral, tobacco, incense, black cherry, and blackberry. On the palate this opulent wine is massive with dense fruit, loads of concentration, and incipient complexity with the oak nicely integrated. It demands a decade of cellaring and will have a drinking window extending from 2016 to 2030 for those young enough and patient enough to allow it to unfold."

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Glass-staining violet. Intensely perfumed bouquet of dark berries, cherry pit, licorice, Indian spices and minerals. Sappy blackberry and cassis flavors are brightened by tangy minerals and pick up an exotic note of candied flowers with air. Very rich but lively wine with excellent finishing lift and tangy precision. Give it another three to five years in the cellar before pulling the cork."

Details

Order Code: 710149

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 3 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 19 Months in New French Oak

Production: 350 Cases



Neo Punta Esencia 2009

Bodegas Neo

96 Points, Decanter Magazine

"Soft, subtle, dark, deep fruit aromatics. Huge fruit, power, richness and concentration. Ultra-modern, even in Ribera del Duero terms. A new classic." #1 John Radford's 10 Best Ribera Del Duros, Decanter Magazine

Details

Order Code: 710150

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 3 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Ribera Del Duero

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tinto Fino

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 24 Months in New French Oak

Production: 350 Cases

Details

Order Code: 707098

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 85% Tempranillo, 15% Graciano

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.0%

Production: 30,000 Cases

Hazaña Viñas Viejas 2014

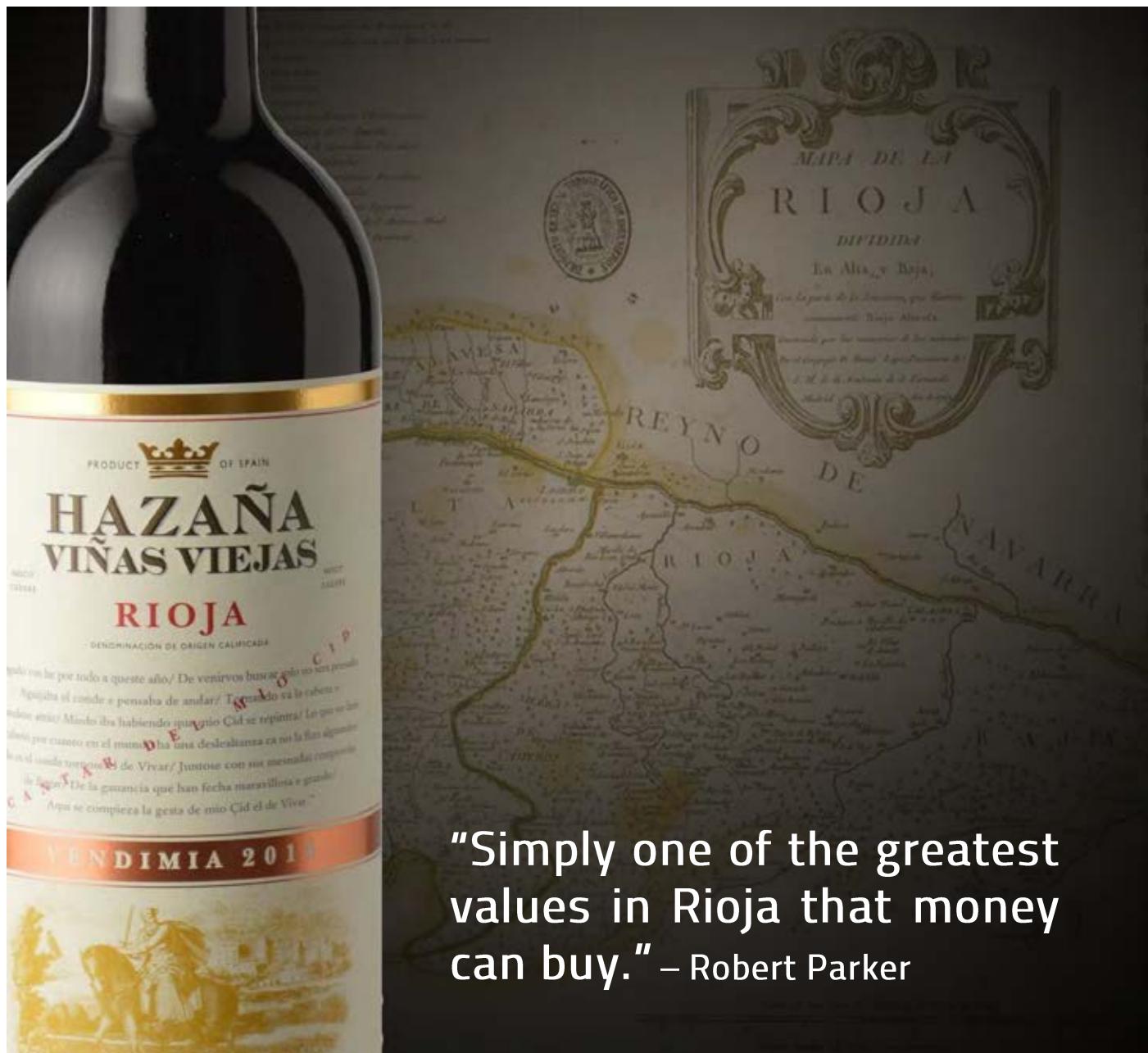
Bodegas Abanico

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2014 Hazana Vinas Viejas is simply one of the greatest values in Rioja that money can buy. A blend of 85% Tempranillo and 15% Graciano, this collaboration between importer Eric Solomon and the owner and winemaker has produced an absolutely amazing Rioja from 45- to 70-year-old unirrigated, head-pruned vines. Loads of lead pencil shavings, black and red currants, licorice and tobacco leaf all jump from the glass of this dense, ruby/purple wine. Soft tannins, medium to full body and fabulous intensity, make for a sensational Rioja to drink over the next 5-7 years. If the good news. The good news, in addition to a drop-dead price point is that there are 20,000 cases imported to the U.S."

Bodegas Abanico was created by Rafael De Haan and Núria Altès, who met each other through the wine trade. Abanico's wines always offer outstanding quality, regional authenticity, varietal character, and excellent great value. Rafael and Núria look to the native grape varieties and the incredible regional variety of Spain to keep their portfolio diverse and interesting. They have partnered with talented winemakers capable of expressing this extraordinary diversity and delivering the authentic character of place and variety.

Named for the ancient, poetic tales of heroism, Hazaña is made at Viñicola Real in the classical style of Rioja. The fruit comes from the vicinity of Logroño at 500 meters above sea level and on red clay and chalky limestone soils. A blend of Tempranillo with up to 15% Graciano, it is aged in French and American oak before release.



"Simply one of the greatest values in Rioja that money can buy." – Robert Parker



DOMINIO DE EGUREN

"This winery, founded in 1991 by the Eguren family, has been a perennial inclusion in these pages for their excellent values coming from the vast Vino de la Tierra de Castilla appellation."

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

Dominio De Eguren

Castilla-La Mancha

Dominio De Eguren is one of several properties owned by the Eguren family and part of their Viñedos Y Bodegas Sierra Cantabria portfolio. Founded by the fourth generation of the Eguren family, Dominio de Eguren was conceived as a project to produce fine wines that could be offered to consumers at a very reasonable price.

The winery is located in the municipality of Páganos in the province of Alava and uses a total of 15 vineyards spread across various domains of Vinos de la Tierra and Vinos de Mesa. Dominio De Eguren owns brands such as Códice, Épico, Protocolo, Torre Abalde and Estratego Real. These wines come from a rigorous selection of vineyards, ranging in age from 30 to 70 years old. The production area is characterized by its continental climate, influenced by the Mediterranean through the east winds, with cold winters and hot and dry summers. The vineyards are planted on a clay soils with a limestone base, poor in organic matter and capable of retaining water in the early stages of the vegetative cycle before the arrival of the dry summer months. The varieties are Tempranillo, Bobal, Airén and Macabeo they match perfectly to the growing conditions. Harvest is done manually from late September onwards, always under the strict supervision and quality standards set by the Eguren family.



Protocolo Tinto 2014

Dominio De Eguren

88 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright ruby. Fresh cherry and dark berries on the nose, with hints of vanilla and woodsmoke building with air. Juicy and seamless on the palate, offering gently sweet blackberry and cherry flavors and a touch of mocha. A floral nuance come up on the gently tannic finish, which lingers with good spicy persistence. Lots of bang for the buck here."

Details

Order Code: 801000
Availability: November

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Screw Cap

Region: Castilla-La Mancha
Appellation: Vino de la Tierra de Castile
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo
Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 10,000 Cases



Codice Tinto 2012

Dominio De Eguren

91 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, purple rim. Nose: fresh fruit, red berry notes, floral. Palate: flavourful, fruity, good acidity, round tannins."

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"All tempranillo; aged for six months in stainless steel tanks and then moved into French and American oak barrels for another six months. Bright violet color. Black and blue fruit aromas are lifted by a peppery nuance and a hint of fresh flowers. Sappy and seamless in texture, offering juicy boysenberry and mocha flavors and a bracing kick of spiciness. Finishes silky and precise, with lingering spiciness and smooth tannins. An off-the-charts value."

Details

Order Code: 727182
Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl
Packaging: Cardboard Case
Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-La Mancha
Appellation: Vino de la Tierra de Castile
Colour: Red
Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo
Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 13.5%
Sugar: <5 g/L

Production: 10,000 Cases



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- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

Bodegas Sierra Cantabria

La Rioja, Rioja

Founded in 1957 by Guillermo Eguren, Bodegas Sierra Cantabria is nestled in the heart of San Vicente de la Sonsierra, a town of great winemaking tradition, situated in a unique location between the River Ebro and the Sierra Cantabria mountain range.

The landscape of the vineyard is characterized by the influence of both the Sierra de Cantabria and the depression of the Ebro River, creating a soft and wavy relief, which faces south to south-southwest, thus allowing more sunlight hours to reach the plants and enhance the maturation of the grapes. The predominantly calcareous-clay soils are poor in organic matter, nutrients and minerals, thus very suitable for grape growing. The abundance of boulders, remnants of alluvium material, and gravel, offers optimal drainage. The subsoil consists of cracked rocks which aid the search for additional nutrients by the vine roots and therefore favouring the balance of the fruit.

Harvest is carried out manually each year and special attention is paid to the rigorous selection of the grapes, which are the soul of the wine and must be in optimum health and maturation conditions; winemaking is focused on minimal intervention in the winery to respect to the fullest the Terroir's character.



Selección 2009

Bodegas Sierra Cantabria

90 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Deep ruby. Aromas of ripe cherry, cassis, blackberry and dark chocolate, with a touch of cola. Lush, layered and focused, with a creamy texture and hefty dark fruit flavors. Shows the ripeness of the year but there's good energy here too. Finishes with smooth tannins, a hint of licorice and very good length. I'll bet that this will be even better in a couple years but it's approachable now."

88 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"Sierra Cantabria's entry-level red, the 2009 Tinto was aged for 6 months in tank followed by 6 months in seasoned oak. Spice box, cedar, incense, violets, and black fruits inform the nose of this savory, easygoing, friendly wine. Nicely proportioned and surprisingly long in the finish, this is an excellent value meant for drinking over the next 4-5 years."

Details

Order Code: 748588

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 14.5 Months in French and American Oak, Up to 3 Years Old.

Production: 3,500 Cases



Crianza 2011

Bodegas Sierra Cantabria

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Brilliant ruby. Spice-accented aromas of black raspberry, cola and smoky minerals along with a suave floral overtone. Silky and open-knit, offering sweet red berry flavors and suggestions of five-spice powder and candied rose. Finishes with bright, tangy lift, strong cut and very good persistence, leaving a juicy red berry quality behind."

91 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: smoky, spicy, ripe fruit. Palate: flavourful, smoky aftertaste, ripe fruit."

89 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The 2011 Crianza was more complex than its sibling. Aged 14 months in French and American oak, it offers up abundant notes of graphite, charcoal, blackcurrants and black cherries, a medium-bodied, precise mouthfeel and a savory finish. I preferred the 2011 to the 2010."

Details

Order Code: 179663

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 14.5 Months in French and American Oak, Up to 3 Years Old.

Production: 2,000 Cases



Reserva 2006

Bodegas Sierra Cantabria

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright ruby. Racy, floral-accented aromas of red berries, minerals and spices, with a strong note of white pepper. Sweet, seamless raspberry, strawberry and spice flavors display very good intensity and a distinct juicy quality that's reminiscent of pinot noir. Finishes with silky, harmonious tannins and good cut, repeating the spicy notes."

89 Points, the Wine Advocate

"The 2006 Reserva went through malolactic in barrel and was aged for 18 months in 20% new French and American oak. Balsamic, Asian spice, incense, smoke, and violet aromas form the bouquet of this round but slightly superficial Reserva. The wine is supple and the tannins are well-integrated but it is in need of greater depth and concentration, an affliction common to a number of wines from the 2006 Rioja vintage."

Details

Order Code: 748587

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in 50% French and 50% American Oak. 20% New, 80% up to 3 Years Old

Production: 2,500 Cases



Reserva 2009

Bodegas Sierra Cantabria

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Powerful, smoke-accented scents of red fruits, licorice, pipe tobacco and violet, lifted by vibrant mineral and peppery spice elements. Broad, sweet and seamless on the palate, offering concentrated raspberry and cherry compote flavors and a suggestion of candied rose. Rich yet lively Reserve with excellent finishing clarity and even, late-arriving tannins."

91 Points, the Wine Advocate

"This is an outstanding Rioja from a great vintage for the appellation. This should drink well for at least another two decades. Deep plum/ruby/purple with notes of graphite, licorice, forest floor, tobacco leaf and oodles of black cherry and blackcurrant fruit, this full-bodied, dense, supple, silky textured Rioja can be drunk now or cellared for 20 years."

Details

Order Code: 748509

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2021

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in 50% French and 50% American Oak. 20% New, 80% up to 3 Years Old

Production: 2,500 Cases



Garnacha 2012

Bodegas Sierra Cantabria

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Saturated ruby. Heady, spice-laced blackberry liqueur and floral pastille scents are complemented by white pepper and smoky minerals. More masculine and brooding in style than its 2011 sibling, offering intense dark berry and cherry flavors and suggestions of licorice and allspice. Finishes broad, smooth and long, with supple tannins building slowly. These vines were planted in 1927."

91 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The outstanding 2012 Garnacha ratchets up the level of concentration, has similar character to the 2011, but more intensity, purity and depth as well as slightly more structure. It should drink nicely for another 5-7 years."

Details

Order Code: 838485

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Grenache

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 12 Months in 15% New French Oak, 85% Used French Oak

Production: 2,000 Cases



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Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

La Rioja, Rioja

Viñedos Sierra Cantabria was created as a modern addition to Bodegas Sierra Cantabria's more classic offerings, and reflects the Eguren family's continuous search for exceptional Terroirs and unique wines to add to their collection. All of Viñedos Sierra Cantabria's vineyards, from the newest plantings to their centuries-old vineyards, are located between the rugged hillsides near the Ebro river and the flatter riverbanks in the Rioja Sonsierra along with a small amount in the Rioja Alavesa. Viñedos Sierra Cantabria consistently produces some of Spain's finest wines, including two of its very best; Amancio and Finca El Bosque.

The crown jewels of Viñedos Sierra Cantabria are the 'La Veguilla' and 'El Bosque' vineyards; La Veguilla is a 16.5-hectare vineyard planted with Tempranillo and a small percentage of Malvasia and Viura. The vineyard is sheltered from the cold and wet northern winds coming from the Sierra de Cantabria mountain range, creating a unique micro-climate. This is where Amancio is born; a wine that is the result of a rigorous selection in a vineyard. Only eight to 10 percent of the selected grapes make it into Amancio. The exceptional 'El Bosque' vineyard, with an area of just 1.5 hectares of sandy-clay soils, is the birthplace of Finca El Bosque.

Organza Blanco 2013 Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

92 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: bright straw. Nose: white flowers, fine lees, dried herbs, ripe fruit, citrus fruit. Palate: flavourful, fruity, good acidity."

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Intensely perfumed aromas of fresh orchard and pit fruits, with notes of ginger, vanilla, orange zest and white flowers adding complexity. Fleshy, focused and dry, offering bitter pear skin and melon flavors underscored by a chalky mineral nuance and a touch of spiciness. Suavely blends power and finesse, finishing with excellent clarity, cut and length."

91 Points, Robert Parker's Wine Advocate

"White fruit, peach, flowers and aromas of chamomile emerge but are never explosive lending a more serious character to the nose. The acidity makes you salivate and it ends with a mineral, almost salty sensation. 2013 produced very fresh whites, with higher acidity and more nerve. This is mostly Viura with 30% Malvasía Riojana and 20% Garnacha Blanca, from the old white vines intermixed with the old reds in the vineyards."

Details

Order Code: 710051

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: White

Grape(s): 50% Viura, 30% Malvasia

Riojana, 20% Grenache Blanc

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 13.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 14 Months in New French Oak

Production: 600 Cases



Reserva Única 2011 Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

92 Points, Wine Spectator

"Energetic and focused, this red delivers cherry and cranberry flavors that are zippy and fresh, with notes of licorice, smoke and game adding depth. Light, firm tannins and citrusy acidity impart liveliness."

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Opaque ruby. Sexy, highly perfumed aromas of dark berry liqueur, potpourri and Indian spices, with a building vanilla undertone. Supple, open-knit raspberry and floral pastille flavors show very good depth and breadth, with juicy acidity adding finesse and spine. The spicy, long finish leaves a refreshingly bitter berry skin note behind. Aged in 30% new French oak."

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Firm, generous aromas of fresh-cut oak, lemon peel and wild berries are alluring and finely chiseled. This is a bit sharp and tannic, with pushy, high-toned acidity ensuring a long life for this Tempranillo. Wiry, roasted plum and berry flavors finish tight as a drum, with zesty acidity and toasty length. Drink through 2025."

Details

Order Code: 801001

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in Used French Oak

Production: 500 Cases





Colección Privada 2000

Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

91+ Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Red-ruby. Highly nuanced nose of raspberry, tobacco, flint, minerals, smoke and earth. Bright, urgent and penetrating, with strong acids giving shape and verve to the very ripe dried fruit flavors. Impressively powerful wine, but the tannins are quite fine. A lovely expression of Rioja; structured to age."

91 Points, Wine Spectator

"Rich yet harmonious, this velvety red shows excellent balance between smoky oak and ripe plum fruit, firm tannins and plush texture. Concentrated yet nimble. A fine example of the modern style."

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The outstanding 2000 Rioja Colección Privada is an unfiltered, old vine (50+ years) Tempranillo cuvée aged 19 months in equal parts French and American oak. It boasts a deep ruby/purple color in addition to a sumptuous bouquet of black currants, cherries, spicy vanilla, graphite, and earth. This lovely, rich, medium-bodied Rioja possesses a supple texture, ripe tannin, and a long, concentrated finish."

Details

Order Code: 720300

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in 50% New French and 50% New American Oak

Production: 500 Cases



Colección Privada 2002

Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Full ruby-red color, deep for the age of the wine. Precise, dark aromas of kirsch, blackberry and licorice. Highly concentrated flavors of sweet black cherry and licorice offer lovely perfume and lift. This is impressively dense and long for 2002. A very primary fruit bomb of a Rioja that would appear to offer very good aging potential. An extraordinary effort for the vintage."

90 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The dense ruby/purple-colored 2002 Colección Privada possesses abundant amounts of smoky black currant fruit intermixed with forest floor, graphite, and new oak notes. With an opulent texture, wonderful density and purity, and a long, layered finish."

Details

Order Code: 732202

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2022

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in 50% New French and 50% New American Oak

Production: 500 Cases



Colección Privada 2003

Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Deep red. Restrained, elegant aromas of redcurrant, strawberry and cherry. Then sweeter and denser in the mouth than the nose suggests, with strong blackcurrant and cherry flavors nicely complemented by sexy oak spice and a subtle mineral quality. Finishes chewy, powerful and rich, with a full, broad expression of sweet dark fruits. This is delicious."

91 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Purple colored, it exhibits complex aromas of earth, mushroom, pain grille, cinnamon, black currants and blackberry liqueur. On the palate the wine comes off as monolithic but powerful, with plenty of depth and flavor. The wine would benefit from several years in the cellar and should drink well through 2020."

91 Points, Wine Spectator

"Alluring floral and black cherry aromas turn darker on the palate, showing notes of coffee, toast and grilled plums, supported by muscular tannins that finish clean, leaving a fresh, berry-scented finish."

Details

Order Code: 720350

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in 50% New French and 50% New American Oak

Production: 500 Cases



Colección Privada 2005

Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Deep red. Powerful strawberry, raspberry and floral oil aromas are positively room-filling, with pungent herbs and vanilla adding interest. In the mouth, pure red fruits deliver major flavor impact without any excess weight. Spicy redcurrant and cinnamon flavors linger on the suave, very long finish. There's nothing wrong with drinking this now."

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"A plush, seamless texture carries black fruit and exotic spices in this rich red, with notes of cocoa, cardamom, black pepper, olive and tobacco. Well-balanced, with integrated tannins and fresh acidity."

92 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Like all young Sierra Cantabria wines made from old vines, this has a purple color that's supported by aromas of coffee, mocha and black fruits. It's half aged in American oak (the other half is French), and it's much more tannic, acidic and structured than the fleshy 2003. A wine with pure flavors and a dynamic structure."

Details

Order Code: 732242

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in 50% New French and 50% New American Oak

Production: 500 Cases



Colección Privada 2009

Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

95 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: ripe fruit, spicy, creamy oak, toasty, complex, characterful, mineral. Palate: powerful, flavourful, toasty, round tannins."

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Seductively perfumed bouquet combines dark berry preserves, mocha, potpourri, vanilla and licorice. Broad, fleshy and smooth, with powerful blackberry and boysenberry flavors complicated by notes of candied anise and bitter chocolate. The silky, sweet finish shows excellent persistence and a note of candied flowers."

Details

Order Code: 749849

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in 50% New French and 50% New American Oak

Production: 500 Cases



Colección Privada 2012

Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

96 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: ripe fruit, spicy, creamy oak, toasty, complex, dark chocolate, earthy notes. Palate: powerful, flavourful, toasty, round tannins."

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright violet color. Explosive black raspberry, cherry and vanilla qualities on the seductively perfumed nose. Fleshy and expansive, offering plush red and dark berry liqueur flavors and a suave note of candied rose. Picks up spiciness and smokiness with air and finishes on a sweet dark berry note, with excellent thrust and floral persistence."

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"Compact yet dense, this focused red delivers black cherry, licorice, espresso and mineral flavors, supported by firm, well-integrated tannins. Lively acidity carries through to a floral finish. Graceful, in the modern style. 200 cases made".

Details

Order Code: 749899

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2035

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in 50% New French and 50% New American Oak

Production: 500 Cases



El Bosque Single Vineyard Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

Finca El Bosque is a single vineyard wine, made from 100% Tempranillo. The grapes are grown in the 'Finca El Bosque' vineyard, a 1.5-hectare plot with 40-plus year old vines grown in clayey-limestone soils with gravel and rocks on the surface. This vineyard is sheltered by the Sierra Cantabria mountain range and encounters a mixture of climates between Atlantic and Mediterranean with mild winters and summers and a great difference in temperatures between the day and the night, ideal condition for the ripening of the grapes. The grapes undergo rigorous selection; the first grape-selection takes place right in the vineyard and a second selection when they arrive at the winery. Finca El Bosque is made by traditional methods; the production begins with the pre-fermentative maceration at a cold temperature of 8°C for three days. The fermentation takes place in French oak vats at a temperature of 28°C with two grape treadings daily for the first eight fermentation days, and once daily during the remaining five days. Aging occurs for 18 months in new central European and French Bordeaux barrels.



Finca El Bosque 2005 Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

96 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The Finca El Bosque label has become one of the benchmarks for the modern style of Rioja. The 2005 Finca El Bosque is sourced from its namesake vineyard encompassing 3.66 acres planted in 1973. It went through malolactic fermentation in new oak followed by 16 months in new, mostly French, oak. Inky purple-colored, it has a sexy nose of toasty new oak, truffle, espresso, mineral, blackberry, and plum. This leads to a muscular, tightly wound, layered wine with gobs of fruit and enough structure to evolve for a decade. Lengthy and pure."

96 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Dark as night, and dominated by meaty plum and beef jerky aromas. The palate is huge, with pure fruit, tannin and chocolate pooling at the finish. A new classic in every sense, with stellar balance and complexity. Less than 400 cases made."

Details

Order Code: 732243

Availability: Good

Case Format: 4 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in New French and Central European Oak

Production: 400 Cases



Finca El Bosque 2009 Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

95 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"It has a dark ruby color with a spicy nose with notes of bayleaf, white pepper, toasted sesame seeds and some floral and ripe dark fruit aromas and a touch of chocolate. The palate shows firm tannins and the flavors of very ripe grape skins. El Bosque is always a powerful wine that in 2009 managed to retain great freshness."

95 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: spicy, creamy oak, toasty, complex, earthy notes, ripe fruit, raspberry. Palate: powerful, flavourful, toasty, round tannins."

94 Points, Wine Spectator

Toasty and smoky notes frame plum and cassis flavors in this bold red, which has density without heaviness, boasting lively acidity, firm yet well-integrated tannins and a fine balance of oak and fruit. A fine example of the modern style."

Details

Order Code: 750023

Availability: Good

Case Format: 4 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in New French and Central European Oak

Production: 400 Cases



Finca El Bosque 2012 Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

96 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: smoky, spicy, ripe fruit, fruit expression, powerful, creamy oak. Palate: flavourful, smoky aftertaste, ripe fruit."

94+ Points, The Wine Advocate

"It is a serious, powerful and concentrated wine with an austere profile in the palate that is mineral, powerful and structured with abundant but fine tannins. The wine is obviously oaked, but it's quite integrated and compact, and should have a very positive development in bottle."

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Glass-staining ruby. Explosively perfumed bouquet of spicy red and dark berry aromas, with potpourri, pipe tobacco, violet and mineral accents. Spicy blackberry, cassis and licorice flavors show excellent depth, with hints of floral pastilles and smoky Indian spices adding complexity. Gains weight with air but maintains a graceful character on the strikingly long, juicy, gently tannic finish."

Details

Order Code: 733012

Availability: Good

Case Format: 4 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in New French and Hungarian Oak

Production: 400 Cases



La Veguilla Single Vineyard Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

Amancio is produced from Tempranillo grapes from a single vineyard called 'La Veguilla' in the town of San Vicente de la Sonsierra. The vineyards counts 16.5 hectares of vines between 20 and 35 years old and includes a small percentage of Malvasia and Viura vines. The soil is calcareous with clay and stones on the surface, which is fertilised only using organic materials. The vineyard yields a very low production, but with a wonderful grape quality. Harvesting is done manually and moved to the winery in small boxes. Amancio undergoes a rigorous grape-selection focusing on structure, health and maturity. The selection is so strict that only about eight to ten percent of bunches harvested are actually used for Amancio. The selected grapes are de-stemmed by hand before undergoing a cold maceration for six days. Fermentation takes place in French oak barrels, grapes are trodden daily for the first six days. Once the fermentation is complete, the grapes are left to macerate for 21 days with their skins before maturing over 24 months in French oak barrels. Racking occurs every four months.



Amancio 2002 Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

92 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"From a high-altitude vineyard. Bright ruby. Very pure aromas of blackberry, licorice and minerals, further lifted by a floral element. Almost painful in its penetration on the palate, with high-pitched flavors of black fruits, menthol and licorice. This boasts terrific cut and structure, and palate-staining persistence. This rather backward wine went through malolactic fermentation in all new French oak, then was racked into another set of new French barriques for another two years."

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Opaque purple-colored, with lots of toast (but not an excessive amount) in the nose as well as spice box, blueberry, and blackberry, the wine offers good flavors in its medium to full-bodied personality. Forward and internationally styled."

Details

Order Code: 720354

Availability: Good

Case Format: 4 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2020

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 24 Months in French Oak

Production: 350 Cases



Amancio 2004 Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

97 Points, The Wine Advocate

"It offers a nose which is already sexy and complex with expressive spice, wild flowers, and dark fruit aromas. Plush, bordering on voluptuous on the palate, it will continue to blossom for another 3-4 years and drink well through 2029."

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Glass-staining ruby. An exotic bouquet offers deep raspberry, kirsch, cured tobacco, incense and fresh rose, along with a suave vanilla undercurrent. The tangy red berry and cherry flavors show a subtle sweetness, and are accompanied by slow-building vanillin oak spices and a sexy mocha character. Finishes with outstanding clarity and drive, leaving sweet red fruit and floral qualities in its wake."

Details

Order Code: 732241

Availability: Good

Case Format: 4 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 24 Months in French Oak

Production: 350 Cases



Amancio 2008 Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

96 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: spicy, characterful, fruit expression, red berry notes, new oak. Palate: powerful, flavourful, toasty, round tannins."

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"2008 is a harvest that combines power with freshness, and the nose of the wine is extremely subtle with great harmony and purity. The aromas combine soil notes with fine spices and red and black fruit, but it's definitively more soil-driven than fruit-driven. The palate is medium to full-bodied, with subtle flavors, great balance and elegance. If I had to find one word to define this wine it would be pure."

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"Rich and dense, yet smooth and focused, this red delivers black cherry, cassis and pomegranate flavors, accented by mineral, bitter chocolate and smoke. Well-structured and balanced, with good length."

Details

Order Code: 749850

Availability: Good

Case Format: 4 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 24 Months in French Oak

Production: 350 Cases



Amancio 2011 Viñedos Sierra Cantabria

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The oak is well combined with the ripe black fruit and sour cherries. These vines are low-yielding and harvested one week before the rest of the plots to avoid over ripeness and keep the freshness. There are flavors of blackberries and hints of flowers with plenty of vanilla and cinnamon, Mediterranean herbs and the characteristic from this riper vintage. A powerful red for the long haul."

94 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: fruit preserve, fruit liqueur notes, spicy, new oak, aged wood nuances. Palate: flavourful, pruney, balsamic."

93 Points, Wine Spectator

"A plush texture carries bold flavors of plum, currant, licorice and cola in this expressive red. Well-integrated tannins and juicy acidity keep this focused. Grounded by a minerally backbone, this shows modern structure, but with depth and freshness."

Details

Order Code: 742011

Availability: Good

Case Format: 4 x 75cl

Packaging: Original Wooden Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: La Rioja

Appellation: DOC Rioja

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 14.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 24 Months in French Oak

Production: 350 Cases



"These are powerful wines that require powerful food and should age for years in bottle as they have superb grapes and show very good balance, of course within the style of ripe, powerful and concentrated wines from the region."

- Robert Parker, The Wine Advocate -

Bodegas Teso La Monja

Castilla-Y-León, Toro

The Eguren family was the driving force behind the transformation of the Toro appellation for over a decade with Bodegas Numanthia Termes, which they sold to LVMH in 2008. With their newest Toro-project, Teso La Monja, the Eguren family take another giant leap forward. They own some of the oldest, pre-Phylloxera in the world, up to 130 years old, and focus has shifted to fresher-styled and more elegant wines.

The Eguren Family's philosophy with Teso La Monja is to transmit the character and the essence of the land into every bottle of wine. Everything is done with minimum intervention. Vinification is more Burgundian in style than Bordelais; there is a strong focus on creating wines with freshness and elegance, keeping alcohol levels as low as possible. To achieve this, they Egurens have sought out north-facing, high-altitude vineyards with a longer vegetative cycle and we are looking for minerality. The Toro appellation counts some of the oldest, pre-Phylloxera vineyards, in the world. The Egurens fell in love with this land more than 15 years ago, seduced by the potential of these ancient, pre-Phylloxera vines, with their deep roots. The deep roots of these extremely old Tinta de Toro vines translate the pure minerality of the soil into powerful yet elegant red wines.



Romanico 2013

Bodegas Teso La Monja

91 Points, The Wine Advocate

"A wine of considerable intensity, inky purple color, loads of crème de cassis, blackberry, licorice and camphor, the wine is full-bodied, luscious, with low acidity and silky tannin. The high extract and richness suggests this wine can drink well young, or be cellared for another 10-12 years."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Opaque ruby. Expressive red berry liqueur and floral pastilles on the nose, along with suggestions of vanilla and five-spice powder. Sweet and seamless in texture, offering intense raspberry and candied rose flavors that deepen with air. The suave, broad, clinging finish features supple tannins and resonating red berry and floral notes. This sexy wine went through malolactic fermentation and six months of additional aging in new French oak."

91 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: bright cherry. Nose: ripe fruit, sweet spices, creamy oak. Palate: flavourful, fruity, round tannins."

Details

Order Code: 792014

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-León

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 6 Months in New and Old French Oak

Production: 1,500 Cases



Almirez 2013

Bodegas Teso La Monja

94 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: creamy oak, red berry notes, fresh fruit, balanced. Palate: flavourful, spicy, fine bitter notes, ripe fruit."

92 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The wine has a fabulous opaque purple color, notes of blackberry, blueberry and cassis, licorice, graphite and truffle. Deep, rich, full-bodied and powerful with moderate tannin, this wine was aged 12 months in about 30% new French oak. Drink it over the next decade."

91 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Opaque ruby. Highly perfumed aromas of ripe dark berries, candied rose and allspice, plus a subtle vanilla nuance. Juicy and focused on the palate, with sappy blackberry and cherry flavors picking up a smoky nuance on the back half. At once rich and lively, this wine finishes with excellent clarity and gentle firming tannins."

91 Points, Wine Spectator

"This lively, distinctive red delivers bright flavors of tart cherry, cranberry, licorice and smoke, in a lean texture supported by firm tannins and racy acidity. Shows purity and energy."

Details

Order Code: 792013

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-León

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 12 Months in 30% New French Oak, 70% Used French Oak

Production: 1,000 Cases



Victorino 2010
Bodegas Teso La Monja

96 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: ripe fruit, spicy, creamy oak, toasty, complex, fruit expression, red berry notes, earthy notes. Palate: powerful, flavourful, toasty, round tannins."

93 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Tightly wound on the nose with black cherries, iodine and violets, almost Margaux-like in character. The palate is medium-bodied and already offers good fruit intensity, offering cassis, tart cherries and a touch of blueberry. It shows good weight in the mouth with a lifted, spicy finish that has a touch of welcome volatility lending it edginess and tension."

93 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Vivid purple. Penetrating, highly perfumed aromas of sappy dark berries, potpourri and minerals, with a spicy topnote. Offers deep, palate-staining black raspberry and cherry flavors that are given spine by juicy acidity. Closes long and sweet, with pungent mineral and floral notes lingering on the subtly tannic finish. I also had the chance to re-taste the 2009 version of this wine and it seems to have actually gained in vivacity over the last 12 months. Enjoyable now for its flamboyant character, but I'd let mine rest for at least a few more years."

Details

Order Code: 768503

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 20 Months in New French Oak

Production: 500 Cases



Victorino 2012
Bodegas Teso La Monja

98 Points, Guia Peñin

"Colour: cherry, garnet rim. Nose: ripe fruit, spicy, toasty, complex, dark chocolate, earthy notes, new oak. Palate: powerful, flavourful, toasty, round tannins."

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"Like its big brother Alabaster, this is a superb Tinta de Toro that's powerfully built but also stylish. Aromas of cassis and blackberry are dark, malty and chocolaty. Flavors of burnt toast, dark chocolate, black peppercorn and blackberry end with a tannic yet balanced swirl of licorice and minerally complexity."

93 Points, The Wine Advocate

"I found the 2012 very earthy with notes of graphite and hints of peat, as well as some balsamic aromas of menthol and licorice, and a core of black cherries and plums; the oak plays a secondary role in the shape of spices and neatly folds into the voluptuous fruit. The palate is medium to full-bodied with the gobsmacking balance of 2012, very fine tannins and great acidity that lifts the wine up, coupled with some heat from the alcohol. This wine is powerful and elegant."

Details

Order Code: 768512

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 14.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 20 Months in New French Oak

Production: 500 Cases



Alabaster 2010
Bodegas Teso La Monja

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The bouquet is tightly wound at the moment, with lifted black cherries, blueberry and a scent of cold stone, though there is some oak to be absorbed. The palate is medium-bodied with fine, supple tannins, crisp acidity and a fine sense of symmetry towards the persistent finish, with white pepper enlivening the aftertaste. This is another great wine from Teso La Monja."

95 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Pure blackberry, cola, licorice and vanilla aromas form the base of an alluring, impressive bouquet. A layered, tannic palate is next up, followed by complex flavors of toast, mocha, black fruit, licorice and pepper. Density and firm tannins drive the finish, which tastes like bitter chocolate and espresso."

94 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Malo in new French oak followed by 18 months of aging in more new French oak. Inky ruby. A powerfully scented bouquet displays smoky blackberry, cherry compote, vanilla and dried rose. Sappy, liqueur-like dark berry flavors gain freshness with aeration, taking a turn to zesty raspberry and floral pastilles. Impressively focused and energetic for a wine of such size, finishing with excellent lift and snap."

Details

Order Code: 768555

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 4 x 75cl

Packaging: Bottles in Individual Bags in Special Carrying Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in New French Oak

Production: 150 Cases



Alabaster 2010

Bodegas Teso La Monja

97 Points, Wine Enthusiast

"Gorgeous from head to toe, this saturated Toro heavyweight sets a new high bar for this winery and the region as a whole. Ribald blackberry aromas are toast and carry a strong note of crushed stones. Cassis, black plum and blackberry flavors are complex and inspired, while the finish tastes of chocolaty oak, blackened toast and a black-fruit potpourri supported by just the right amount of acidity."

95 Points, The Wine Advocate

"There is something that made me think of Bordeaux here, perhaps that combination of energy, power and elegance. The palate is really balanced with ultra-refined tannins and a fine thread of acidity going through the core that is long and persistent. This wine is subtle, complex and elegant. This is the best wine I've ever tasted from Teso La Monja."

95 Points, Vinous Antonio Galloni

"Bright purple. Deeply scented spice- and smoke-accented aromas of ripe cherries, boysenberry and cassis, lifted by a suave floral element. Shows impressive depth and vivacity to its black and blue fruit liqueur flavors sharpened by juicy acidity; a smoky mineral quality adds another element. Supple, harmonious tannins come on late, adding focus to the sweet, strikingly long, mineral-driven finish."

Details

Order Code: 768502

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 4 x 75cl

Packaging: Bottles in Individual Bags in Special Carrying Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Tempranillo

Aging Potential: 2030

Alcohol: 15.0%

Sugar: <5 g/L

Aging: 18 Months in New French Oak

Production: 150 Cases

Teso La Monja 2011

Bodegas Teso La Monja

Teso La Monja is both the name of the winery and of its extremely rare flagship wine, sourced for a 1.8-hectare, pre-phylloxera vineyard which produces just over 800 bottles per year. With this new wine, brothers Marcos and Miguel Eguren practice biodynamic viticulture in order to obtain the maximum expression of the Terroir and to pay tribute their great-grandfather Amancio Eguren. All the work in Teso La Monja's vineyards, from pruning to ploughing to de-budding is done manually at the correct time of day and according to the accepted biodynamic practises; all in order to optimize and preserve the principle of minimum intervention and obtain the maximum character and identity. This costly and labour-intensive approach can only be implemented due to the small size of the vineyard and would not be feasible for larger plots as this type of agriculture requires frequent visits to the vineyard at very specific times.

Teso La Monja is composed of 100% Tinta De Toro (a Toro-specific clone of Tempranillo) which is sourced from a vineyard with a relatively dense limestone subsoil, about 8-10% higher than the rest of the appellation; this extra limestone in the soil provides Teso La Monja with its distinctly unique elegance and power. Hand-picking and grape selection are completed on the same day over a six hour period. Teso La Monja goes through a process of pre-fermentative cold-maceration to extract colour and phenolic compounds without crushing. Fermentation occurs in an open, wooded tank with manual pressing of only the grapes on the surface; this results in 35-45% of the grapes being squeezed in a process which is repeated three times a day for an hour and a half each time. Racking is done through gravity without any use of machinery. Malolactic fermentation occurs in a unique, egg-shaped, 20-hectoliter oak barrel created by Tonnellerie Taransaud called 'Ovum'. This vessel is designed to achieve a silky, elegant and integrated wine and to enhance the grape's aromas and longevity. Teso La Monja is further aged in new, finely-grained and medium-toasted French oak barrels for 24 months.

94 Points, The Wine Advocate

"The eponymous 2011 Teso la Monja, the fourth vintage of this single-vineyard Tempranillo, comes from a 1.8-hectare plot planted with ancient vines on soils that have more calcium carbonate (limestone) than the average in the zone, and are covered with boulders and gravel. I had the chance to visit the vineyard and even when they show it, they don't usually explain that it's the source for this wine. Yields were a catastrophic six hectoliters per hectare and the bunches were manually harvested and destemmed on September 16th. The grapes fermented in an open oak vat for some ten days and macerated for 21 days. Malolactic was in an egg-shaped oak vat called OVUM and the élevage was in brand new French barriques and lasted two years. There are plenty of oak-related aromas, lactic notes and toast, as well as plenty of black fruit and hints of black cherries in liqueur. The oak recedes after 30-45 minutes and the nose turns a lot more exotic, perfumed and exuberant. The grapes, no doubt, must have been phenomenal, and the wine is there. The palate is full-bodied with fine grained tannins, lots of volume and a slightly warm finish. This is a concentrated, well-oaked Toro that needs some time in bottle to finish integrating the oak and show its true colors. Only 821 bottles were filled in February 2014."



Details

Order Code: 768599

Availability: November

Case Format: 1 x 75cl

Packaging: Single Bottle in Special Designed, Egg-Shaped Wooden Stand, packaged in Wooden Box with Additional Empty Bottle for Display

Country: Spain

Region: Castilla-y-Léon

Appellation: DO Toro

Colour: Red

Ingredients: 100% Tempranillo

Alcohol: 15.5%

Sugar: <5 g/L

United States Selections

Golden Gate Bridge, San Francisco



Details

Order Code: 192837

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Natural Cork

Region: California

Appellation: California

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 53% Petite Sirah, 37% Syrah,

10% Barbera

Aging Potential: 2025

Alcohol: 13.5%

Rhiannon 2014

Rutherford Ranch Winery

Tasting Note

"Not only does this little gem offer excellent value, it is also produced from a most-interesting blend of grape varieties; 53% Petite Sirah, 37% Syrah and 10% Barbera. It is a wonderfully soft, mouth-wateringly juicy, fruit-driven red wine with super-silky tannins. It is medium-full bodied with sweet, ripe fruit, dark chocolate and a hint of vanilla. Though very dark-coloured (mostly due to the high percentage of Petite Sirah) it's not really a palate-stainer. At just 13.5% alcohol, it feels well-balanced. It is important to note that Rhiannon is a label produced by The Rutherford Wine Company, whose winemaking philosophies have been critically acclaimed by the industry's finest like Robert Parker, Wine Enthusiast, Wine Spectator, Decanter Magazine etc. for years. Rutherford Ranch Winery was named 'Napa Winery of the Year' at the 2013 New York International Wine Competition."

Rutherford Ranch is a family-owned and operated winery who have been practising sustainable viticulture for three generations. Located in the heart of the Rutherford AVA, right on the famous Silverado Trail, they have access to a wide range of premium Napa Valley fruit, but have opted to go for value over premium. Rutherford Ranch has long been known as one of California's ultimate value wine producers.



Details

Order Code: 198889

Availability: October

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screw Cap

Region: California

Appellation: California

Colour: Red

Grape(s): 100% Pinot Noir

Aging Potential: 2018

Alcohol: 13.5%

Cherry Blossom Pinot Noir 2014

Bronco Wine Company

Tasting Notes

"Bright, warm nose of crushed black plums, cranberry juice, cherries, milk chocolate, licorice root and little hints of oak. The palate is consistent with the nose; crushed red berries, cherries, plums, raspberry coulis, cranberry fondant and copious amounts of phenols and earthy minerals with underlying hints of aniseed powder. The mid-palate is rich and forward with good amounts of balance between fruit and acidity, as well as good tannin structure. The finish is very fine with hints of cranberries and mineral notes."

American Winery of the Year, Wine Enthusiast's Annual Wine Star Awards 2011

"Most people may never have heard of Bronco Wine Company, even though it's the fourth largest producer in the U.S. But everybody knows at least some of its brands: Napa Ridge, Forest Glen, the famous Charles Shaw (Two Buck Chuck) and scores of others. Almost all are value-priced, making them the perfect go-to wines for Americans feeling squeezed by the recession."

Bronco Wine Company's diverse family of brands is sold in over 90 countries worldwide in addition to being distributed throughout the United States. Bronco Wine Company has become a major vintage varietal wine source to the California wine industry and is currently recognized as the fourth largest winery and the largest vineyard owner in the United States.



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Selections



Killepitsch

PREMIUM KRÄUTER LIQUEUR
IMPORTED

95 POINTS

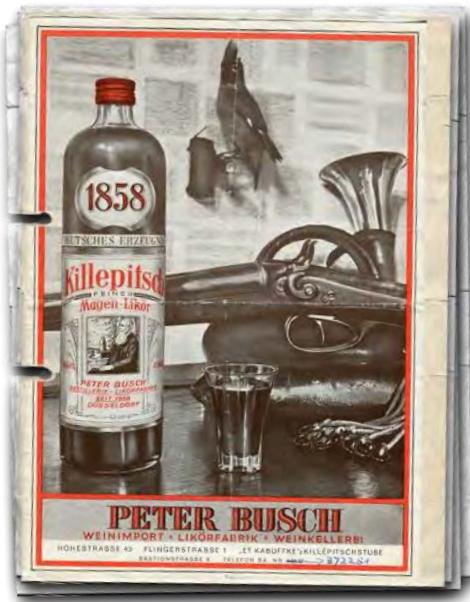
"COMPLEX AND DELICIOUS, WITH A COGNAC-LIKE DRIED-FRUIT AND SPICE BASE. RAISINS, DATES, CHERRIES, FIGS, CINNAMON, SARSAPARILLA AND BLACK PEPPER ALL CAN BE DETECTED. WOULD MAKE A DYNAMITE DIGESTIF, ESPECIALLY PAIRED WITH A FRUITY DESSERT."

WINE ENTHUSIAST

Killepitsch

PREMIUM HERBAL LIQUEUR
D'HERBES PREMIUM

38% alc./vol.



Peter Busch Distillery

Germany, Düsseldorf

During World War II, old friends Hans Müller-Schlösser and Willi Busch, were huddled together in an air raid shelter as bombs rained down outside. Willi said to Hans: "I say, if this goes on, they'll kill us too!", to which Hans replied: "But not as long as the two of us still have something alcoholic left to drink". "We can't drink what we haven't got," said Willi. Hans replied: "How can you say that, you brew your own, don't you?". Willi replied: "I can't, we're not allowed to. But I'll tell you one thing, Hans. If we get through this without getting KILLED, I'll brew something for you, a real lip-smacker. That will be some PITSCHE (the local vernacular for drink), I tell you. And I'll tell you what, we'll call it KILLEPITSCH".

In 1955, when the small but well-stocked 'Et Kabüffke' bar opened in Flingerstrasse, in the heart of Düsseldorf's Old Town, Hans came upon his friend Willi on the bar's opening night and said: "Hey, Willi, what came of that Killepitsch idea? I bet you've forgotten all about it!" Willi replied: "No, I hadn't forgotten, it's been ready for ages. Here it is, Cheers!" Willi responded with: "Mmm, it smells delicious, like an herb garden, strong, not too vague and not too bitter. And it must be good for the digestion - it slips down a treat!".... and this is the true origin story of Killepitsch!

Killepitsch Premium-Kräuterlikör

Peter Busch Distillery

Made from a secret recipe that includes 98 different herbs, spices, roots, dried fruits and berries which have been matured together for over a year and were ripened in antique clay containers, Killepitsch offers a truly complex burst of flavours. The recipe has been a family secret for over 70 years and continues to combine tradition with state of the art advances in the industry to conquer new markets and new generations.



95 Points, Wine Enthusiast Magazine

"Complex and delicious, with a Cognac-like dried-fruit and spice base, raisins, dates, cherries, figs, cinnamon, sarsaparilla and black pepper all can be detected. Would make a dynamite digestif, especially paired with a fruity dessert."

94 Points, Beverage Testing Institute

"Deep mahogany with a reddish hue. Sweet, melted caramel and brown spice aromas are inviting. A velvety entry leads to a bittersweet medium to full-bodied palate with great treacle, molasses, and spice notes followed by a wave of menthol-like herbs. Excellent balance and depth of flavor."

4 Stars & Highly Recommended, Spirits Journal

"Killepitsch is a unique herbal liqueur made from more than ninety fruits, berries and herbs. Though classified as bitters, it is sweet, layered and delicious. Enjoy chilled after dinner."

Drinkhacker.com

"Made from a recipe that includes 90 different herbs, spices, fruits and berries that have matured together for over a year, this deep brownish-red liqueur was recently reissued in a "Design" bottle, though the formula inside is the same as the bottle with classic white label, red lettering, and gold trim. Unctuous and bittersweet in the Jägermeister milieu, this complex spirit offers an overwhelming host of flavors. Lots of cinnamon, cloves, and root-beer flavor up front, then ultra sweet dark prune and raisin come along shortly after. In the finish, the bitterness becomes increasingly apparent, and a certain nuttiness joins the fray. A slightly harsh conclusion recalls dark cherries, rhubarb, and a touch of Christmas spice."

Best Herbal Liquor: Beverage Testing Institute of Chicago 2002

Best International Spirit: International Spirits Challenge 2010

Gold: Beverage Testing Institute of Chicago 2003

Details

Order Code: 998877

Availability: Good

Case Format: 12 x 75cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screw Cap

Country: Germany

City: Düsseldorf

Colour: Black

Ingredients: 98 Different Herbs, Spices, Roots and Fruits

Alcohol: 42.0%

Trois Rivières

Trois Rivières Rhum Agricole 12 Ans
 Best Rum Agricole 2015
 International Congress Ron

Trois Rivières Rhum Agricole 12 Ans
 Best Rum Agricole 2016
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Trois Rivières

French Caribbean, Martinique

Trois Rivières is the finest example, and most-awarded rum producer, from the island of Martinique, situated in the far east of the Caribbean. Martinique is technically a region of France, and as such a part of the European Union. The Island's history shows it has been constantly subjected to war, but its rums have always remained traditionally French in style.

The rums of Martinique are considered among the very rums best in the world; they are of such high quality that since 1996, Martinique was awarded its own AOC status for 'Agricole Rhum'. Unlike most other rums, Rhum Agricole is made from freshly pressed cane juice rather than from molasses. The Rhum Agricole style was initially born out of necessity rather than choice, when France began sourcing its sugar from European-grown sugar beet rather than Caribbean-grown sugar cane. Having lost its dominant export market, Martinique's sugar production declined rapidly. In the absence of molasses, the Martinicians began making rum directly from cane juice. Because its production process does not involve the repeated heating and cooling of cane juice, Martinique's 'Rhum Agricole' lacks the smoky, caramel-like aromas found in molasses-based rums; it is instead finer, more delicate and slightly fruitier.



Rhum Blanc Trois Rivières

Tasting Notes

"A very oily rum that is crystal-clear with great depth. On the nose there is plenty sugarcane; subtle notes of sugarcane flowers and sugarcane juice blend in nicely with a lively mineral and brinish tang. Aeration reveals elegant yeasty accents, like those you find in great champagnes. The palate is along the same line as the aromas, soft, lively and very flavourful. The elegant brinish savoury notes intermingle perfectly with the vegetal accents of freshly cut sugarcane. The long finish combines and reveals the ideal fullness, liveliness and uniqueness that represent Trois Rivières Rhum Blanc Agricole. This unique rum is proof of the exceptional terroir."

Gold: China Wine & Spirits Awards 2016
Gold: Madrid International Rum Conference 2015
Silver: London International Wine & Spirits Competition 2015

Details

Order Code: 787128
 Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 70cl
 Packaging: Cardboard Case
 Closure: Screw Cap

Country: France
 Region: Martinique
 Appellation: AOC Martinique Rhum Agricole
 Colour: Clear
 Ingredients: 100% Cane

Alcohol: 40.0%

Aging: Not Aged



Rhum Blanc Cuvée De L'Océan Trois Rivières

Trois Rivières Cuvée de l'Océan was developed solely from the juice of sugarcane raised on the waterfront of the sunny plot of Anse Trabaud, located in the extreme south of Martinique. This geographical location, together with fermentation techniques, give Trois Rivières Cuvée de l'Océan a unique taste that is primarily characterized by amazing brinish, mineral notes.

Tasting Notes

"This oily rum is crystal-clear. It enters on basic rum aromas with enticing notes of sugarcane flowers, enhanced by appealing brinish and mineral nuances. Notes of bread and yeast come forth after aeration. The taste is robust, rich, dense and amazingly mineral. The ocean is nearby and the brinish flavours perfectly mingle with the green notes of sugarcane. The finish is long and absolutely unique, with evolving brinish and mineral notes."

Double Gold: Madrid International Rum Conference 2015
Gold: China Wine & Spirits Awards 2016
Gold: Paris Salon De L'Agriculture Concours General 2015
Silver: London International Wine & Spirits Competition 2015
Silver: Paris Rum Fest 2015

Details

Order Code: 787129
 Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 70cl
 Packaging: Cardboard Case
 Closure: Screw Cap

Country: France
 Region: Martinique
 Appellation: AOC Martinique Rhum Agricole
 Colour: Clear
 Ingredients: 100% Cane

Alcohol: 42.0%

Aging: Not Aged



Rhum Ambré

Trois Rivières

Trois Rivières Rhum Ambré was matured between 12 and 18 months in the finest quality Cognac oak tuns (982 Liters). These few months maturing in oak imparts this rum with its superb bright golden colour and develops its particularly mellow and remarkable flavours. Trois Rivières Ambré is excellent sipping rum, but can equally be enjoyed on the rocks or mixed.

Tasting Notes

'This rum is amber with slight copper hues and golden highlights. It has a rich aroma of warm sugar and dried flowers. After aeration, notes of spices arise. This rum has a mellow, honey-like palate with subtle notes of caramel, milk and toasted bread. It has a fruity accented finish. This Rum Agricole is altogether unique with its fresh, easy and flavourful taste and its fruity finish. Trois Rivières Ambré is excellent sipping rum, but can equally be enjoyed on the rocks or mixed.'

Double Gold: China Wine & Spirits Awards 2016

Gold: Paris Salon De L'Agriculture Concours General 2016

Gold: Paris Rum Fest 2016

Gold: Miami International Rum Expert Panel 2015

Silver: Madrid International Rum Conference 2015

Best in Class: Roma Show Rum Competition 2015

Details

Order Code: 787127

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 70cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Stopper with Cork

Country: France

Region: Martinique

Appellation: AOC Martinique Rhum

Agricole

Colour: Amber

Ingredients: 100% Cane

Alcohol: 40.0%

Aging: 12-18 Months in Large Cognac Tuns



Rhum Vieux Agricole Cuvée Du Moulin

Trois Rivières

In tribute to the history and traditional heritage of the Trois Rivières Plantation, "Cuvée du Moulin" was created in agreement with the strict AOC regulations. It has the qualities of "Grands Millésimes" with rich and elegant aromas. Cuvée du Moulin is a meticulous blend of rums carefully matured for over three years in Cognac casks and Bourbon barrels, revealing woody, bright and fragrant aromas. To be sipped neat or mixed in cocktails.

Tasting Notes

'This oily rum is straw-yellow with light golden casts. Initial aromas show sugarcane and elegant woody notes, followed by accents of white pepper, black pepper and eastern spices. On the palate, this rum is lively and well-structured with sweet flavours, followed by notes of spices and black and white pepper. The finish is long with woody accents and a zesty mineral aftertaste.'

Silver: Paris Rum Fest 2016

Silver: Madrid International Rum Conference 2016

Silver: London The Spirits Business Rum Masters 2016

Silver: London International Wine & Spirits Competition 2015

Details

Order Code: 787126

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 70cl

Packaging: Single Gift Box in Cardboard Case

Closure: Stopper with Cork

Country: France

Region: Martinique

Appellation: AOC Martinique Rhum

Agricole

Colour: Amber

Ingredients: 100% Cane

Alcohol: 40.0%

Aging: 3 Years in French Cognac and America Bourbon Cask



Rhum Vieux Agricole VSOP Réserve Spéciale

Trois Rivières

Tasting Notes

'A very oily rum that is crystal-clear with great depth. On the nose there is plenty sugarcane; subtle notes of sugarcane flowers and sugarcane juice blend in nicely with a lively mineral and brinish tang. Aeration reveals elegant yeasty accents, like those you find in great champagnes. The palate is along the same line as the aromas, soft, lively and very flavourful. The elegant brinish savoury notes intermingle perfectly with the vegetal accents of freshly cut sugarcane. The long finish combines and reveals the ideal fullness, liveliness and uniqueness that represent Trois Rivières Rhum Blanc Agricole. This unique rum is proof of the exceptional terroir.'

Gold & Best in Class: Miami Rum Renaissance Festival 2016

Gold & Best in Class: Miami Rum Renaissance Festival 2015

Double Gold: Madrid International Rum Conference 2016

Double Gold: Madrid International Rum Conference 2015

Gold: China Wine & Spirits Awards 2016

Best in Class: Roma Show Rum Competition 2015

Details

Order Code: 787125

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 70cl

Packaging: Single Gift Box in Cardboard Case

Closure: Stopper with Cork

Country: France

Region: Martinique

Appellation: AOC Martinique Rhum

Agricole

Colour: Amber

Ingredients: 100% Cane

Alcohol: 40.0%

Aging: 5-6 Years in French Oak



Rhum Vieux Agricole Triple Millésime 1998-2000-2007

Trois Rivières

This is the very first multi-vintage rum hors d'âge from the terroir of Martinique, this cuvée is the result of a blend of 3 exceptional grands crus. The 1998, 2000 and 2007 vintages were aged over many years, in Cognac and Bourbon barrels. With its lovely harmony, Triple Millésime epitomizes the know-how, the excellence and the creativity of Trois Rivières.

Tasting Notes

"Bright-gold with amber highlights. Silky and delicate, it enters the palate on notes of gingerbread, butter and jammed-fruit, enhanced by notes of citrus fruit rinds. After aeration, accents of spices arise and mingle perfectly with notes of prunes and dried flowers. On the palate it is lively, rich and artfully balanced, with evolving notes of spices, white pepper and nutmeg that follow through on notes of fresh and candied-fruit. A long, distinctively fresh finish that stands out by its subtle notes of hazelnut and pleasant floral and aniseed."

Double Gold: China Wine & Spirits Awards 2016

Double Gold: Madrid International Rum Conference 2016

Gold: London The Spirits Business Rum Masters 2016

Silver: Brussels Concours Mondial 2015

Silver: London International Wine & Spirits Competition 2015

Details

Order Code: 787124

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 6 x 70cl

Packaging: Single Gift Box in

Cardboard Case

Closure: Stopper with Cork, Sealed with Wax

Country: France

Region: Martinique

Appellation: A.O.C. Martinique Rhum Agricole

Colour: Amber

Ingredients: 100% Cane

Alcohol: 42.0%

Aging: French Cognac and American Bourbon Cask



Rhum Vieux Agricole 12 Ans

Trois Rivières

Tasting Notes

"Aged in Bourbon Barrels for 12 years, this oily, exceptionally robust rum has a rich golden color. Its nose is characterised by its intensity, and marked by spicy and woody aromas, before evolving towards notes of candied orange, honey, and ripe tropical fruits. The palate shows lush, intense and rich flavours. Accents of gingerbread and polished wood forego notes of macerated fruit, plumb, candied orange and honey. After aeration, this rum reveals intriguing notes of spices and hints of pepper that mingle with those of dried flowers. The finish is long, very flavourful and at the same time robust and fresh."

Best Rhum Agricole: Madrid International Rum Conference 2016

Best Rhum Agricole: Madrid International Rum Conference 2015

Gold: Miami International Rum Expert Panel 2015

Details

Order Code: 787123

Availability: Very Limited

Case Format: 6 x 70cl

Packaging: Single Gift Box in

Cardboard Case

Closure: Stopper with Cork

Country: France

Region: Martinique

Appellation: AOC Martinique Rhum Agricole

Colour: Amber

Ingredients: 100% Cane

Alcohol: 42.0%

Aging: 12 Years in Bourbon Cask

Rhum Vieux & Rhum Hors d'Age Packaging



Details

Order Code: 945934

Availability: September

Case Format: 6 x 70cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Screw Cap

Country: Spain

City: Barcelona

Colour: Clear

Ingredients: Juniper, Coriander,

Cardamom

Alcohol: 40.0%

Master's London Dry Gin

MG Distilleries

93 Points, Beverage Testing Institute

"Clear color. Delicate, creamy, spicy aromas of lavender, brown spices, and pinecone with a supple, crisp, dry-yet-fruity medium body and a graceful, interesting, medium-length juniper, coriander custard, pink pepper, and wet stone finish. A rock solid gin for all occasions."

Drinkhacher.com

"You don't have to make London Dry Gin in London, England. Turns out you don't have to make it in Great Britain at all. Case in point: Master's Selection London Dry Gin, which is made in Barcelona, Spain by a family-owned distillery that dates back to 1835."

Master's Gin is produced in a unique way as grain alcohol is redistilled in a pot still with Spanish estate-grown juniper, Spanish coriander, and Guatemalan cardamom. The next step involves three separate macerations where Spanish citrus fruits are introduced; sweet orange from Valencia, bitter orange from Seville, and lemons from Seville. Each of these macerations is rested separately for a full year being blended together and distilled again. At last, the juniper-coriander-cardamom distillate is blended with the citrus distillate and bottled in its visually striking, cobalt blue decanter.

Best Gin: San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2015

Double Gold: San Francisco World Spirits Competition 2015

Gold: Beverage Testing Institute of Chicago



The image shows a bottle of Master's Selection London Dry Gin and its packaging. The bottle is dark with a blue label featuring a lion logo and the text 'LONDON DRY GIN'. The background is black, making the blue bottle stand out. To the right of the bottle, there is a large graphic of the same bottle and its label. The label features a lion logo at the top, followed by the text 'MASTER'S' in large letters, 'SELECTION' in smaller letters below it, and 'LONDON DRY GIN' at the bottom. Below the label, the text 'Best Gin' is written in large letters, followed by 'San Francisco World Spirits Competition' and 'Competition' in a slightly smaller font. At the bottom right, the text '93 Points BTI' and 'A Rock Solid Gin for All Occasions' is displayed.



La Societe Daucourt

France, Angoulême

Daucourt is owned by master-distiller and entrepreneur Jean-Marc Daucourt, who is of French and Irish heritage. Daucourt produces a range of outstanding spirits and liqueurs, including the world's highest-rated vodka called Moulin by Jean-Paul, Bastille 1789 French Whisky.

While growing up, Jean-Marc's grandfather would often organize Sunday lunches for large groups of people at their home in France. "We would sit for five hours eating, talking and enjoying Champagne, spirits and wine," Daucourt recalls. "This was my first and most important education. I learned the pleasure of entertaining."

When Jean-Marc was old enough, he went to study the art of distillation in Scotland and Germany. After apprenticing at a number of distilleries, Daucourt returned to France purchased a distillery just outside the Cognac region in southwest France. After seven years of perfecting his recipe, Daucourt released Jean Marc XO Vodka in 2004. The success of this Vodka led Jean-Marc to sell his brand to the Campari Group in 2007. Jean-Marc's newest venture includes Moulin Vodka, which is crafted in the town of Angoulême, in the heart of the Charente region.



Bastille 1789 Hand-Crafted Whisky

La Societe Daucourt

Produced from wheat and barley grown in the northeast of France, Bastille 1789 Whisky's innovative distillation process combines traditional and cutting-edge techniques to express the natural characteristics of its terroir, water and malts. Its delicate aromas and smooth profile make this the perfect ingredient in traditional and modern cocktails. Bastille 1789 was aged for seven years in Limousin oak, Cherry wood and Acacia cask.

94 Points, Beverage Testing Institute

"Bright orange amber color. Intriguing aromas of orange marmalade, dried apricot, spice cake, pineapple blossoms and suede with a vibrant, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and a long, orange bread crust, peach cobbler, peppery spice and limestone accented finish. A remarkably fruity, exotic and enigmatic whisky that will make unique cocktails."

A-, Drinkhacker.com

"Lush with cinnamon notes, this fruity, spicy whisky offers a character not dissimilar to a Bit o' Honey candy, lightly sweet but with a distinctly chewy honey character underneath. Those spices, not just cinnamon but dried ginger and a little sage, are quite strong and lengthy, all leading up to a cherry-inflected finish. Quite a light, lovely, and unexpected whisky, and well worth the price."

Details

Order Code: 730002

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 70cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Stopper with Cork

Country: France

Region: Cognac

Colour: Amber

Ingredients: Wheat & Barley

Alcohol: 43.0%

Aging: 7 Years in Limousin Oak, Cherry Cask and Acacia Cask



Moulin By Jean-Paul Vodka

La Societe Daucourt

The most important element that goes into making Moulin Vodka is its high quality French wheat. Harvested from the 'Plaine de la Beauce' in northwestern France, this particular wheat has a distinct flavour profile due to the nutrient-rich soils in which it grows. This local Terroir elevates the wheat to more than just a mere ingredient and is identical to the relationship of grapes to wine. The water used for Moulin Vodka is sourced from the Pyrénées Mountains. This water is naturally filtered through layers of underground limestone and thus cleansed of many negative minerals, nitrates, and salts, which tend to inhibit the water's pure taste. This purity plays a vital role in allowing the finished vodka to display only its unique, untarnished, character. To create the purest and smoothest spirit possible, the makers of Moulin employ a three-stage technique which involves distilling the Vodka seven times to remove impurities, micro-oxygenation to add softness, and finally charcoal filtering, to maximize the spirit's refinement.

97 Points, Beverage Testing Institute – World's Highest Rated Vodka

"Clear. Attractive aromas suggest bison grass, whipped cream, pear, anise cookie, and powdered sugar with a satiny, dry-yet-fruity medium-to-full body and an intricate interplay of peppery and confectionary spice, sweet wheat pastry, and mineral notes. A world-class vodka that is fantastically expressive, elegant, and flavorful. An ideal vodka for sipping neat, on the rocks, or in martinis."

Details

Order Code: 730005

Availability: Good

Case Format: 6 x 70cl

Packaging: Cardboard Case

Closure: Stopper with Cork

Country: France

Region: Charente

Colour: Clear

Ingredients: 100% Wheat

Alcohol: 40.0%

Aging: Not Aged

Details

Order Code: 462229

Availability: Limited

Case Format: 1 x 70cl

Packaging: Single Wooden Box

Closure: Glass Stopper with Natural Cork

Country: Spain

Region: Andalucía

Colour: Dark Amber

Grape(s): 100% Pedro Ximénez

Alcohol: 40.0%

Monte Cristo Brandy Gran Reserva

Bodegas Pérez Barquero

Tasting Note

"A spectacular brandy! Aged for more than 25-30 years in American oak which was previously used for Amontillado and Pedro-Ximénez. Dark espresso-brown in colour, this brandy shows off intense aromas of raisin, dried figs, vanilla, pungent herbs and caramel-heavy banana flambé. On the palate it's initially an intense, folding those dried fruit notes into lingering flavours of coffee, tea leaf, and cocoa powder. The body is ultimately gentle and quite sweet, but this sweetness is never overblown. The brandy takes on a lightly bitter edge as the finish develops, which adds both balance and nuance, its almost Port-like, raisiny notes linger for ages."

Bodegas Pérez Barquero was established in 1905, in the historic town of Montilla, due south of the city of Córdoba. For well over a century, Pérez Barquero has been dedicated to the production of the highest quality Finos, Olorosos, Amontillados and sweet Pedro Ximénez wines, as well as premium brandies. The winery still houses some soleras from the turn of the 19th Century; these 'foundational' soleras, from which very small quantities of extremely old and concentrated wines are withdrawn and bottled from time to time, produce some of the best wines in the world.

Although best known for their solera wines, Pérez Barquero also produces exceptional brandies, aged for many years in casks that were previously used for Amontillado and Pedro-Ximénez. These are complex and well-structured brandies that can compete with the best in the world and best enjoyed with a cigar after dinner.





WineLife

Wine Preservation System

WineLife Professional Wine Preservation System is a simple-to-use and inexpensive tool which preserves the taste and flavour of any opened bottle of wine by inserting into the bottle a layer of Argon gas. Argon is a Noble Gas and completely inert, meaning it does not undergo chemical reactions, and is heavier than air. Argon gas forms a protective blanket on the surface of the remaining wine thus preventing oxidation. Once opened, a bottle of wine can be kept fresh for up to two weeks with WineLife; just a two second application will insure that your last pouring will bring as much satisfaction as the first. Each container can be used for up to 120 bottles of wine.

Oxidation

Oxidation is perhaps the simplest wine fault to diagnose and aside wine being served at the wrong temperature, is the most common consumer complaint. The chemical changes that follow oxygen exposure take place within just 12 to 24 hours; The first chemical compound formed when oxygen reacts with the ethanol in a wine is acetaldehyde. At low levels this can make a wine taste 'flat' and vapid, and is responsible for the loss of a wines fresh fruity taste. Further exposure to oxygen converts the acetaldehyde into Acetic Acid, the most common of all volatile acids and one of the two, common, sour tasting carbon acids which form the main constituent of vinegar. The final chemical change takes place long after a wine should have been discarded and that is the reaction between oxygen and the phenolics. This causes the wine to change colour moving from amber to a brackish brown.

Wine Preservation that is Proven and Tested

ETS Laboratories, a noted enological testing laboratory in Napa, California, tested WineLife and found it to be effective in the reduction of wine oxidation spoilage. Testing showed that no significant differences were observed between freshly opened wine and wine in bottles that were opened, then treated with WineLife and held for 10 days!

What Benefit Does WineLife Hold Over Other Preservation Systems?

While there are many proven-to-work wine preservation systems, WineLife holds great benefit over all other systems due to its low cost, cost-effectiveness, limited space requirement and ease-of-use.

Who Will Benefit from WineLife?

WineLife is a great wine-preserved used by restaurants, tasting bars, wineries, retailers and wholesaler around the world that serve wines by the glass. WineLife is also a useful tool for consumer who do not want to finish their bottle within a short period after opening. After pouring a glass of wine, a simple two-second application of WineLife will keep the rest of the bottle fresh and ready for the pour, whether that is a few days later or a few weeks later.

Benefits for Restauranteurs and Wine Bars

The little details are what sets apart one restaurant or wine bar from another and keeps customers coming back. With WineLife, you can offer a glass of wine to your customers days, or even weeks after it was opened, with the full confidence that it is just as good as if the bottle was just opened. WineLife is especially beneficial to small establishments who have neither the space, or the capital to invest in an expensive wine preservation system.

The benefit of using WineLife is that you can expand your by-the-glass offerings without sacrificing the taste of your wine, while also eliminating loss due to spoilage. Your investment in an open bottle of wine can be protected for weeks, with the last pouring as fresh as the first. No need for expensive gadgets, cabinets, dispensers, nozzles, tanks or tubing; for just a few pennies per application, you can have fresh wine throughout the life of your bottle of wine.

Benefits for Wholesalers and Retailers

Sampling wines with your customers can become a costly affair if your samples are not used optimally. To eliminate spoilage is to decrease loss and therefore to become more profitable while also serving a larger audience. WineLife can also be offered as an added value to consumers, creating customer satisfaction and loyalty.

Does WineLife Affect the Taste of Wine?

No, WineLife is completely inert, odorless and tasteless. Because WineLife is heavier than air, it forms a protective blanket on the surface of the remaining wine, preventing oxidation. The wine stays fresh until the next pouring.

How to Use

A simple two-second spray of WineLife into an opened bottle, followed by re-corking, is all that is needed to use WineLife. Anyone can do it quickly and easily.

The following Terms & Conditions apply to, and form part of, every contract between Christopher Stewart Wine & Spirits Asia Limited ("The Seller") and its customers ("The Buyer"). No terms and/or conditions which The Buyer may seek to impose, or which may be implied by trade, custom, practice or course of dealing, shall apply or have effect. By placing an order with The Seller, The Buyer is offering to purchase a product on and subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. Sales

All sales are subject to The Seller's final confirmation. Prices are quoted per individual unit and are subject to change without notice. All selling prices shown are exclusive of delivery charges. All prices are provisional and subject to our final confirmation, upon acceptance of order. All wines are offered subject to remaining unsold. Unless stated otherwise, all wines are offered lying in Hong Kong. The Seller's most up-to-date portfolio listing price overrides all previous portfolio listing prices, special email offers and/or one-time special offers. By placing an order, The Buyer confirms that he/she is at least 18 years old.

2. Payment

Goods are offered on a first-come, first-serve basis, and on pre-payment terms with credit accounts available at the discretion of The Seller. Invoices and settlements will be in Hong Kong Dollars (HKD) only. In the event of non-payment of an invoice within the specified terms stated above, The Seller reserves the right to charge an interest of 2% per month of the overdue amount until payment is received in full. If The Seller shall have to consult solicitors or other agents to recover overdue sums, The Buyer will indemnify The Seller in relation to reasonable fees payable to such solicitors and/or agents. The following forms of payment are accepted:

Bank or Telegraphic Transfer: Funds must be received in The Seller's account before delivery is scheduled.

Cheque: Cheques must be made payable to: 'Christopher Stewart Wine & Spirits Asia Limited' and the word 'Limited' must be included or the bank may not process the cheque. In case of a bounced/returned cheque, The Seller may charge HKD 130 administration fee. Cheques must be cleared into The Seller's account before delivery is scheduled. For mailed cheque(s), The Buyer must write the related invoice number(s) on the back of the cheque.

3. Reservation of Proprietary Rights

Title to all products shall remain with The Seller until the total amount of payment has been received, even if the goods have been resold to a third party. Risk in all goods shall pass to The Buyer as soon as goods have been delivered.

4. Order Placing & Delivery Schedules

Orders for delivery on Tuesday through Saturday must be submitted before 2pm the previous day. Orders received after 2pm are not guaranteed to be delivered the following day. Orders for delivery on Monday must be received on the previous Friday before 2pm. Delivery service is available Monday to Friday from 10am to 7pm and Saturday 10am-12.30pm. Options for delivery times are morning (approximately 10am to 1pm), early afternoon (approximately 12pm to 3pm) and late afternoon (approximately 3pm-7pm). For delivery on a specific time, extra charges apply. No delivery service is offered on Sundays, Statutory Holidays or during Typhoon Signal 8 or higher. Same-day deliveries are offered at an additional charge of HKD 500 per order, per location. If a scheduled delivery cannot be completed due to the absence of the receiver, a standard delivery fee of HKD 150 will be charged to the The Buyer.

The Seller usually sells goods in full case-lots. For items ordered in quantities less than full case-lots, an additional HKD 2 per bottle is charged for individual bottle picking and handling. Fortified wines and Spirits may be purchased per individual bottle at no extra charge.

5. Breakages & Shortfall

All goods are checked by The Seller's warehouse personnel before delivery but The Buyer must also check the condition of goods and accuracy of the invoice at the time of delivery. The delivery note should be signed by The Buyer and the returned copy of the delivery note will be proof of receipt in good condition and satisfactory delivery of the order. Claims for breakages and/or missing bottles must be notified in writing on the delivery note at the time of delivery, and by post, fax or email, and must be received by The Seller within two working days of receiving the goods.

Breakages must be retained with the original packaging for examination. Failure to comply will result in non-satisfaction of the claim.

6. Returns, Refunds or Replacements

Although The Seller strives to offer wines in their best condition, The Buyer must make appropriate allowances for natural variations of ullages, conditions of cases, labels and corks for old wines. Accordingly, please note that any refund or exchange due to the requirements of wine quality problems is only available when valid original invoice is provided.

If a product is corked or defective, please notify us within one day (24 hours) after such bottle is opened, and return the bottle to us with at least two-thirds of the wine left inside so we can verify its quality. Refund and exchange will only be applicable on The Seller's exclusive agency wines below HK\$500 (per bottle) and less than five years old.

7. Force Majeure

The Seller shall not be liable for any failure to meet its obligations occasioned by circumstances beyond our reasonable control which may or may not include: fire, flood, accidents, riot, war, government intervention, embargoes, strikes, labour difficulties and/or equipment failures.

About Christopher Stewart Wine & Spirits

Christopher Stewart Wine & Spirits Inc. was founded in 2001 by the executive team of Chris Purcell and Garry Preiswerck. Prior to establishing Christopher Stewart, Chris and Garry came from Top Producer Systems, North America's #1 Real Estate Sales & Marketing software company with 400-plus employees. Chris Purcell was the co-founder and Executive Vice President responsible for managing the North American sales force and for all software development initiatives. Garry Preiswerck was the Vice President of Development and managed a group of over 100 developers. In the year 2000, they sold the company to a NASDAQ publicly traded firm, and decided to pursue their passion in the wine industry.

With over 20 years of experience working together and building Top Producer Systems into a company with over 400 employees, Chris and Garry bring one of the most seasoned and experienced management teams to the Canadian liquor industry.

Christopher Stewart's guiding principal for representation is to work with "best in class" producers; whether it's wine, spirits, beer, sake or liqueur, all of these can be superlative in their own right and exhibit unique qualities when responsibly enjoyed. We are committed to bring to market, producers whose products are of consistent high quality and who best represent the categories.

Christopher Stewart has experienced growth every year since its inception. This growth has come with a much focused effort to expand our distribution network, provide excellent customer service and support, ensuring that our sale force is constantly growing on a professional level, and producing industry best marketing materials and campaigns.

As of April 2013, Christopher Stewart has launched its operations in Asia. Christopher Stewart Wine & Spirits Asia is based in Hong Kong, and is operating as importer and distributor for the regions of Hong Kong and Macau and follows a strict business-to-business wholesale model, with clients limited to the liquor trade. Christopher Stewart Asia also works with distributors in Mainland China.

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