

2020 OFFER OF OLD RIOJAS : 2

This is now the fourth year in a row that we have been able to offer you these remarkable old treasures of Rioja, arguably the most under-appreciated of the world's great wines built for aging. Even taking into account the unfortunate tariff currently being applied by the U.S. Government, they offer exceptional value – especially as our supplier has reduced their prices in mitigation (and solidarity).

One does not need to be especially backward-looking to believe that Rioja's most singular age was the pre-modern one. However, everyone can agree that the region underwent a change of aesthetic direction starting in the 1980's, borne both of unavoidable climatic developments, but also of avoidable temptations to "internationalise" the prevailing style. A handful of traditional producers (you all know who they are) have remained faithful to the "classical" Rioja model of fine, scented, mid-weight wines endowed with structure and unabashed oak-influence from long *élevage* in barriques. But pretty much every wine in this offer adheres to this time-honoured paradigm. As such, these glorious antiques offer us a window into another era.

Many of these wines are in their original packaging. As before, we have still have classics from houses such as Murrieta, La Rioja Alta, Faustino, and, for the first time, C.U.N.E.. But there are lesser-known gems from the likes of AGE, Alavesas, LAN and Campo Viejo. We have secured more extremely venerable bottles from Paternina, Bilbainas and Berberana. You will also note that most of the vintages offered here would be considered the top years of the second half of the 20th century, but there are some super surprises from less-known years. We also offer a lot of anniversary wines from the '5 and '0 years between 1950 and 1985 inclusive.

Here are some wines that we would like to draw your attention to as offering quite exceptional quality for the price :

Bilbainas 1976 Viña Zaco Reserva
 Campo Viejo 1964 Reserva
 Carlos Serres – everything!
 Coto – both wines
 Eguren 1976 Sierra Cantabria Reserva
 Lan – what a beautiful vertical!
 Paternina 1973 Viña Vial Reserva
 Bodegas Riojanas – a sleeper producer offering top quality across the board

We have priced these treasures by the bottle, but, as you will see, we have multiple cases of several of them. This is an unusual opportunity to offer your customers some classic wines at peak maturity and relatively low cost. We will inevitably have to allocate a lot of over-subscribed wines. As usual, we will do so as equitably as we can. Arrival is scheduled in late June or July.

Code	Vintage	Name	Price / Bottle	Bottles Available
AGE				
SAG-FGR59	1959	Fuenmayor Gran Reserva (FILLS at 4-5 cm.)	\$125	6
BODEGAS ALAVESAS				
SSS-GRE80	1980	Solar de Samaniego Gran Reserva	\$60	6
SSS-COF85	1985	Solar de Samaniego Cofradia Reserva	\$50	12



BERBERANA				
SBR-GRE50	1950	Gran Reserva	\$250	3
SBR-GRE52	1952	Gran Reserva (Etiqueta Amarilla)	\$260	6
SBR-RES70	1970	Reserva	\$85	2
SBR-RES80	1980	Reserva	\$64	7
SBR-RES82	1982	Reserva	\$78	8
SBR-RES94	1994	Reserva	\$36	30
BILBAINAS				
SBI-VPR64	1964	Viña Pomal Reserva	\$160	10
SBI-VPC75	1975	Viña Pomal Crianza	\$66	6
SBI-VZR76	1976	Viña Zaco Reserva	\$62	18
CAMPO VIEJO				
SCV-RES64	1964	Reserva	\$70	24
SCV-RES70	1970	Reserva	\$50	6
SCV-MDV78	1978	Marques de Villamagna Gran Reserva	\$87	1
SCV-MDV91	1991	Marques de Villamagna Gran Reserva	\$70	9
CARLOS SERRES				
SCS-REE64	1964	Reserva Especial	\$110	12
SCS-GRE64	1964	Gran Reserva	\$145	3
SCS-GRE94	1994	Gran Reserva	\$50	12
COTO				
SCT-CRI70	1970	Coto de Imaz Crianza (some bottles bin-soiled)	\$50	34
SCT-MRE88	1988	Coto de Mayor Reserva	\$25	192
C.U.N.E.				
SCU-VIR68	1968	Imperial Reserva	\$258	3
SCU-VIR75	1975	Imperial Reserva	\$172	10
SCU-VRGR76	1976	Viña Real Gran Reserva	\$190	3
SCU-IGR81D	1981	Imperial Gran Reserva (damaged labels)	\$186	3
EGUREN				
SEG-SCC76	1976	Sierra Cantabria Crianza	\$44	60



FAUSTINO				
SFA-RES85	1985	Faustino V Reserva	\$60	6
SFA-GRE87	1987	Faustino I Gran Reserva BIN SOILED	\$76	5
GOMEZ CRUZADO				
SGC-GCD70BS	1970	Dorana Gran Reserva BIN SOILED	\$82	6
LAN				
SLA-LRE70	1970	Lanciano Reserva	\$60	3
SLA-LRE75	1975	Lanciano Reserva	\$58	6
SLA-GRE75	1975	Lanciano Gran Reserva	\$74	3
SLA-LRE76	1976	Lanciano Reserva	\$58	3
SLA-LRE78	1978	Lanciano Reserva	\$60	3
SLA-LAR96	1996	Lanciano Reserva	\$50	3
MARQUES DE MURRIETA				
SMU-CAS68A	1968	Castillo Ygay Gran Reserva (LOW FILLS)	\$330	2
SMU-YGA86	1986	Ygay Reserva	\$92	29
MARQUES DE RISCAL				
SMR-RES50	1950	Reserva	\$350	1
SMR-RES57	1957	Reserva	\$270	1
SMR-RES60	1960	Reserva	\$293	12
SMR-CRI70	1970	Crianza	\$85	11
MARTINEZ BUJANDA				
SMB-VRE81	1981	Conde de Valdemar Gran Reserva	\$56	4
SMB-VRE81A	1981	Conde de Valdemar Gran Reserva LOW FILLS	\$40	4
MONTECILLO				
SMO-COS48	1948	Montecillo	\$344	3
OLARRA				
SOL-CAR70	1970	Cerro Añon Reserva	\$60	2
SOL-CAR70A	1970	Cerro Añon Reserva LOW FILL	\$50	1



PALACIO				
SPL-GRE35	1935	Glorioso Reserva Especial	\$285	4
SPL-GCS59	1959	Glorioso Cosecha Especial	\$176	18
SPL-RBR95	1995	Palacio Regio BLANCO	\$40	6
PATERNINA				
SPA-GRE28	1928	Gran Reserva	\$400	2
SPA-GRE45	1945	Gran Reserva	\$480	1
SPA-CES55	1955	Cosecha Especial BIN SOILED	\$200	5
SPA-RES64	1964	Reserva Especial TOP SHOULDER FILLS	\$153	6
SPA-RES65	1965	Reserva Especial	\$125	9
SPA-GRE64	1964	Gran Reserva	\$160	1
SPA-GRE70	1970	Gran Reserva	\$125	1
SPA-CON75	1975	Conde de los Andes Gran Reserva	\$160	1
SPA-CON78	1978	Conde de los Andes Gran Reserva	\$156	5
SPA-VIA73	1973	Viña Vial Reserva	\$62	9
SPA-VIA91M	1991	Viña Vial Reserva MAGNUMS	\$130	5
LA RIOJA ALTA				
SRA-90485	1985	Gran Reserva 904	\$222	1
SRA-90494M	1994	Gran Reserva 904 MAGNUMS	\$285	5
BODEGAS RIOJANAS				
SRI-MRC71	1971	Monte Real Cosecha	\$60	23
SRI-VAC73	1973	Viña Albina Cosecha	\$60	60
SRI-VAR66	1966	Viña Albina Reserva	\$118	6
SRI-VAR73	1973	Viña Albina Reserva	\$85	3
SRI-VAR75	1975	Viña Albina Reserva	\$91	9
SRI-VAR80	1980	Viña Albina Reserva	\$76	2
SRI-VAR91M	1991	Viña Albina Reserva MAGNUMS	\$86	4
SRI-VAGR78	1978	Viña Albina Gran Reserva	\$147	12

~ NOTES ON BOTTLE CONDITIONS ~

We pay special attention to the colour of the wine in the bottles, considering that to be the most important indicator of condition. Thus we were satisfied that the bottles indicated as having LOW FILLS were likely nonetheless to be sound. As such, they offer some of the potentially biggest bargains in this offering – as do the BIN SOILED bottles, whose problems are entirely cosmetic. We have photographs available of many of these, which we will be happy to supply on demand.