

2020 OFFER OF OLD RIOJAS : 9

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 classics from houses such as Murrieta, La Rioja Alta, Faustino, and, for the first time, C.U.N.E. – not to mention López de Heredia. 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 1935 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

Carlos Serres – everything!

Coto – both wines

Eguren 1976 Sierra Cantabria Reserva

Lan

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. **ALL WINES ARE IN STOCK AND AVAILABLE FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.**

Code	Vintage	Name	Price / Bottle	Bottles Available
AGE				
SAG-FGR59	1959	Fuenmayor Gran Reserva (FILLS at 4-5 cm.)	\$125	2
BERBERANA				
SBR-RES82	1982	Reserva	\$78	4
SBR-RES94	1994	Reserva	\$36	21
BILBAINAS				



SBI-VZR76	1976	Viña Zaco Reserva	\$62	3
CAMPO VIEJO				
SCV-MDV91	1991	Marques de Villamagna Gran Reserva	\$70	9
CARLOS SERRES				
SCS-GRE94	1994	Gran Reserva	\$50	3
COTO				
SCT-CRI70	1970	Coto de Imaz Crianza (some bottles bin-soiled)	\$50	24
SCT-MRE88	1988	Coto de Mayor Reserva	\$25	10
EGUREN				
SEG-SCC76	1976	Sierra Cantabria Crianza	\$44	36
GOMEZ CRUZADO				
SGC-GCD70BS	1970	Dorana Gran Reserva BIN SOILED	\$82	3
MARQUES DE RISCAL				
SMR-RES60	1960	Reserva	\$293	7
SMR-CRI70	1970	Crianza	\$85	3
PALACIO				
SPL-GCS59	1959	Glorioso Cosecha Especial	\$176	13
PATERNINA				
SPA-CES55	1955	Cosecha Especial BIN SOILED	\$200	5
SPA-RES64	1964	Reserva Especial TOP SHOULDER FILLS	\$153	4
SPA-RES65	1965	Reserva Especial	\$125	4
BODEGAS RIOJANAS				
SRI-MRC71	1971	Monte Real Cosecha	\$60	14
SRI-VAC73	1973	Viña Albina Cosecha	\$60	42
SRI-VAR66	1966	Viña Albina Reserva	\$118	4

Please note that the wines above do not come direct from the producers' cellars but from private and restaurant collections in Spain.

~ 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.