

Join us here at Santiam Wine Co. Friday, January 11th for this exciting, intoxication, mouth watering **Spanish wine tasting** you might even want to bring some friends!

- When: Friday, January 11th
- Cost: Full pour \$17 (2 oz of all six wines) Half Pour \$11 (1 oz of all six wines) Your choice!
- Time: 4 –8 PM
- Where? Santiam Wine & Bistro 1555 12th Ave SE Suite 130 97302 (for GPS)
- Plan to have dine with us!
- Attached is our undated menu!

THE WINES:

2008 Marques de Legarda Crianza \$15

The 2008 Marques de Legarda Crianza has an attractive bouquet of brambly red berry fruits tinged with marmalade and Moroccan leather. The palate is medium-bodied with fine tannins and is well-balanced. It builds gently to a lovely, dusky dark chocolate-coated finish that maintains freshness and tradition to the very finish. This is very commendable. Drink now-2015. **91 Points Robert Parker**

2011 Torremoron Tempranillo Ribera Del Duero, Spain \$12.50

An excellent bargain, this 100% Tempranillo (80-100-year old vines) was aged completely in stainless steel. Patrick Mata told me that the village from which it emerges has only 95 residents, all of whom are grape farmers! This may be the “bargain of the year” in my tastings. It boasts a deep ruby/purple color as well as copious notes of black cherry jam, licorice, blackberries and subtle hints of earth, pepper and meat. Drink this medium to full-bodied, rich, layered red over the next 2-3 years. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Bodegas Borsao Tres Picos \$17

One of my favorite offerings from the Bodegas Borsao is the 6,000-case cuvee of the 2010 Tres Picos. Made from 100% Garnacha aged in equal parts stainless steel and French oak, this is the Bodegas Borsao's interpretation of Chateauneuf du Pape. (But when's the last time you saw a bottle of Chateauneuf du Pape priced at \$17 – about 30 years ago?) Deep notes of roasted herbs, sweet black cherries and raspberries, peppers and spice soar from the glass of this dark ruby/purple-tinged wine. Full-bodied, rich, ripe, silky textured, pure and long, this unbelievable value should drink well for 3-4 years. **92 Points Robert Parker**

2010 Alto Moncayo Veraton Garnacha \$32

Once in the glass, Veratón exhibits thick tears and a vivacious, bright color, so we are expecting a real beauty. Forget the idea that Garnacha has no color! On the nose it is decidedly rich with restrained power; there is no doubting its potential and vigor, yet all the aromas come through in a perfectly balanced and smooth way, in harmony: creamy ageing notes showing good integration, juicy fruit aromas of red and black fruits, fresh and ripe fruit, with forest berry notes, spicy and balsamic hints too, and smoky touches... It is a complex and powerful wine, ready to delight us on the nose but ending up by enchanting us on the palate: fresh, sinewy, meaty, very intense and flavorsome, with suggestions of liqueur and earthy notes, on a mineral background. Its elegance is most apparent and the tannins come over as polished, auguring a long life ahead for this wine. The aftertaste continues the flavor of red and black fruit and a rich-sweet feel, not overly sweet but definitely rich, appealing, elegant and seductive. What about another one? Just remember when you finish the bottle: this tasty Garnacha contains 15.5% alcohol!

2010 Descendientes J. Palacios Petalos del Bierzos Castilla y Leon Spain \$20

(all mencia, as is the case for all of these wines, which are aged briefly in new French oak and then in older barrels before bottling): Dark ruby. Ripe red- and blackcurrant aromas are complicated by anise, cola and sexy oak spices. Soft dark berry preserve flavors gain minerality and firmness with air. Zesty cherry skin and mineral notes carry through a long, gently tannic finish. **91 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2009 Alto Moncayo Alto Moncayo Navarro-Spain \$50

94 points *Rhone Report*: "Even richer and more concentrated, with a slightly more serious feel, the 2009 Bodegas Alto Moncayo Campo de Borja boast rocking aromatics of smoked blackberries, campfire, meat juice, graphite, and chocolate to go with a full-bodied, seamless, and beautifully pure and polished palate. This 100% Garnacha has no hard edges, a light, weightless texture, ripe tannin, and a long, hedonistic finish. Certainly, along the same lines as the Veraton with its sweetness of fruit and overall purity, yet there's more richness and depth through the mid-palate, as well as additional structure on the finish. While it is a hedonistic turn on now, it should nevertheless continue to shine for upwards of a decade. (Mar 2012)"

100% Garnacha. This wine is spectacular, and represents the perfect foil for grilled steak. Rich, full bodied and muscular, Alto Moncayo has riveting intensity and palate staining extract; this Spanish red is inky/purple, full-bodied, and rich. This pedal-to-the-metal offering should age handsomely for a decade. 600 cases produced.

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