

Good Day! Attached is a copy of the January Newsletter and the White C&C information. I am excited for the new six-pack....**N.W.T.P. AKA NorthWest Top Picks!** I am searching for the best new wines from Oregon and Washington to share with you! Look for this six-pack the first N.W.T.P. in the February Newsletter.

HomeTasting: Spanish Wines

Date: Friday, January 7th from 4-7 p.m.

Time: 4-7

Cost: \$25 for the full pour

1/2 Pour: \$15

The Wines:

2009 Acustic Acustic Blanc Monstant \$22.

Acustic's latest collection is uniformly outstanding. There is one white wine, the 2009 Acustic Blanc, a blend of 60% Garnacha Blanca and 3 indigenous varieties with 30% of the wine barrel-fermented and aged in French oak for 3 months. Light gold-colored, it exhibits an alluring nose of baking spices, buttered popcorn, peach skin, and tropical aromas. This is followed by a rich, smooth-textured, spicy wine that has good balancing acidity and a lengthy, fruit-filled finish. Drink this outstanding value over the next 3 years. **91 Points Robert Parker (This wine is outstanding! DR)**

2004 Ramon Bilbao Reserva Tempranillo \$20

The 2004 Reserva is 90% Tempranillo with 5% Mazuelo and 5% Graciano added to the blend. It was aged for 20 months in seasoned American and French oak. Cherry red in color, it offers a complex perfume of cedar, leather, violets, spice box, and blackberry. On the palate it is medium-bodied with plenty of ripe cassis-flavored fruit, silky tannin, good balance, and a pure finish. Give it 3-4 years and drink it through 2020. **89 Points Robert Parker**

2006 Bodegas Diaz Nuestro Tempanillo Ribera del Duero \$28.

The grapes for the 2006 Nuestro are sourced from the highest altitude vineyards in Ribera del Duero. The wine was aged for 12 months in French oak. Dark ruby-colored, it gives up a fragrant nose of mineral, cedar, incense, and blackberry. Layered bordering on plush on the palate, it has excellent depth, savory flavors, and a lengthy, fruit-filled finish. Give it two years to fully blossom and drink it through 2018. **90 Points Robert Parker**

2007 Acustic, Acustic Granacha \$22.

The 2007 Acustic is a blend of 55% Samsó (Carinena) and 45% Garnacha aged for 10 to 11 months in seasoned French oak. Purple-colored, it offers up an alluring perfume of smoke, mineral, underbrush, blueberry, and black cherry. This is followed by a full-bodied wine with tons of blue and black fruit, spice and mineral notes, and enough structure to evolve for 2-3 years. It should be at its best from 2010 to 2018. It is an excellent introduction to the style of the region.

90 Points Robert Parker

The next two wines have been on the waiting list forever it seems! I just got them in stock and have not tasted yet! They are consistently great wines and because of that they are extremely hard to purchase. Let's taste them together!

2008 Alto Moncayo Veraton Old Vine Garnacha \$30

The following is a review for the 2007 this wine consistently receives excellent scores:

The entry-level 2007 Veraton is 100% estate-grown Garnacha aged for 17 months in new French and American oak before bottling without filtration. Deep crimson-colored, it has a sexy nose of smoke, spice box, lavender, black cherry, and black raspberry that wafts from the glass. Full-bodied on the palate with layers of succulent red and black fruit, it is balanced, pure, and lengthy. Drink it over the next 6-8 years. The vocal low-alcohol crowd will have disdain for this wine; those who enjoy big, powerful, in-your-face wine will love it. **92 Points Robert Parker**

Old vine Garnacha made under the supervision of renowned vigneron Chris Ringland is the story at Bodegas Alto Moncayo in the little known DO of Campo de Borja. 2007 Vintage Opaque violet. Sexy aromas of red and dark berries, sandalwood, spicecake and fresh rose. Spicy, concentrated raspberry and blackberry flavors are given spine by zesty minerals and pick up a smoky quality with air. Impressively lively for such a rich wine, with strong finishing spiciness and lingering notes of licorice and red berries **92 Points Stephen Tanzer**

2008 Alto Alto Moncayo Old Vine Granacha \$48.

Review for the 2007 Vintage:

The same can be said for the 2007 Alto Moncayo, also 100% Garnacha. It offers up a similar aromatic and flavor profile, just at a slightly higher octane level. This opulent effort is all about pleasure; give it 3-4 years of additional cellaring if you'd like it a bit more civilized. **94 Points Robert Parker**

2007 Vintage: Deep, bright ruby. Complex bouquet offers scents of blueberry, boysenberry, cola, dark chocolate and mace. Broad, sweet dark berry flavors display liqueur-like depth and power and are nicely framed by velvety tannins. A tangy mineral note gains strength with air and adds vivacity to the long, sweet, spicy finish. I'd drink this alluring wine on the young side for its exuberant fruit character. **93 points Stephen Tanzer**

Saturday, January 8th Come and taste all 12 wines from the January Cheap & Cheerful six-pack! 12-4 FREE

NEW HOURS:

Monday 12-6 p.m.

Tuesday- FRI. 12-7 p.m.

Saturday 10-6 p.m.

Best Regards,

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