

Good Afternoon!

Please join us on Friday, October 9th for our Spanish wine tasting! I have found a few exciting wines for us to try! Bring your friends!

- **Time: 4-7pm**
- **Place: Santiam Wine Co.**
- **Cost: \$22. remember you can share!**
- **Included: Cascade Baking Co French Baguette, Cheese, Spinach dip, Olive Oil**
- **Did you know...We use only Riedel Glassware at our wine tastings!**

The Wines:

2006 Bodegas San Alejandro Las Rocas Vinas Viejas Garnacha Calatayud \$17. WOW!!!

100% garnacha, from vines reportedly over 100 years of age) Glass-staining ruby. Powerfully aromatic, sexy bouquet of black raspberry, Asian spices and smoky minerals. Plaint red and dark berry flavors are energized by juicy acidity and framed by supple tannins. Spicy notes build with air and carry through the long, silky finish. This is showing extremely well today. As usual, an amazing value. 91 Stephen Tanzer

2007 Tres Picos Old Vine Garnacha \$17.50

The 2007 Tres Picos Garnacha is a worthy successor to previous vintages of this always remarkable value. Sourced from low yielding vineyards on the slopes of Moncayo Mountain, the wine was aged half in stainless steel and half in French oak for 10 months. Purple-colored, it offers up sexy aromas of cedar, underbrush, mineral, and black cherry. This leads to a layered, intense, spicy, rich Garnacha with gobs of succulent fruit, excellent balance, and a plush finish. This may well be the finest Tres Picos to date. It is likely to improve in the bottle for 2-3 years but there is no reason to delay your gratification. 91 Points Robert Parker

2004 Conde de Valdemar Reserva \$18.

The 2004 Reserva is a blend of 90% Tempranillo and 10% Mazuelo aged for 18 months in French and American oak. Dark crimson-colored, it reveals an alluring nose of cedar, spice box, tobacco, black cherry, and blackberry. On the palate it displays considerable finesse along with plenty of ripe, spicy red and black fruit, a silky texture, and excellent balance. This lengthy effort will continue to evolve for another 2-3 years and offer prime drinking from 2011 to 2020. 90 Points Robert Parker

2005 Bodegas Matarromera Crianza \$27.

The 2005 Crianza was aged for 12 months in American oak. Purple-colored, it has a fragrant nose of cedar, pencil lead, tobacco, spice box, and blackberry. This leads to a dense, medium to full-bodied wine with significant structure. With more than enough fruit for balance, this packed wine will evolve for 3-5 years and drink well through 2025. 90 Points Robert Parker

2005 Bodegas Arzuaga Crianza \$28.

The 2005 Crianza is 90% Tempranillo, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, and 5% Merlot from some of the estate's younger vines. It was aged in French and American oak for 16 months. Deeply colored, the wine reveals a complex aromatic display of cedar, saddle leather, violets, lavender, blueberry, and blackberry. This leads to a medium-bodied, supple-textured wine with ripe, spicy blue and black fruits and light tannin. The wine is well-balanced and has excellent concentration. Give it 1-2 years and drink it through 2020. 90 Points Robert Parker

2004 Bodegas Arzuaga Reserva Ribera Del Duero \$54.50

The 2004 Reserva comes from older vines. It is 95% Tempranillo and 5% Cabernet Sauvignon aged for 24 months in French oak. Opaque purple-colored, it exhibits a brooding bouquet of wood smoke, pencil lead, mineral, blueberry, and blackberry. Medium to full-bodied, the wine has excellent depth and

concentration. There are layers of flavor and some well-concealed ripe tannin. Give this lengthy effort another 3-4 years in the cellar and drink it through 2030.
92 Points Robert Parker

Hope to see you here!

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