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## Spectacular in a Glass with Wines from Spain



Spain has a long history of wine production. More than any other country, Spain has the largest area of land dedicated to viticulture, and it is the third largest wine-producing country in the world.

Tempranillo, Garnacha and Monastrell are three of the most recognized red wines from Spain. Rioja is one of the best-known areas for wine. The reds have a full-bodied mouthfeel with good tannins and a fruit-forward palate. Rioja's most notorious grape is Tempranillo, although Garnacha Tinta, known as Grenache in France, is also grown there.

This famous and esteemed region is one among many, however. The Ribera del Duero is situated around the Duero river and flows

west through Portugal where it becomes the Douro, home of Port. Despite Rioja's royal reputation, Ribera del Duero, too, makes terrific wines, often blended from Cabernet Sauvignon and Tempranillo. Rías Bajas in the region of Galicia makes fragrant, floral, dry whites produced from the Albarino grape. Ribeiro, meaning riverside, produces excellent whites with notes of orange blossom. Rueda, Southeast of Rioja, produces light, dry white wines. From La Mancha comes the Airen grape, producing a refreshing, lemony white wine as well as Garnacha Tinta, among others, for its reds. There is something worthwhile to be found in the Spanish wine aisle for red and white wine lovers.

Rosé wines are very popular in Spain and because they are crisp, refreshing and dry, they make a wonderful Spring and Summer sipper, perfect for anything from a barbeque or tapas to an elegant or hearty meal. Navarre and Cigales both make deliciously dry but fruity Rosés.

And let us not overlook sparkling wine. Penedès, near Barcelona, is the centre of the Cava industry and the home base for the House of Torres, which also produces a wide variety of good quality red and white wines.

When looking at a Spanish wine label, understanding a few basic terms will help you to know what to expect. Spain has a similar classification system to France and Italy, with all classified wine regions regulated under the DO (Denominación de Origen) system. Red wines are often labelled as Crianza, Reserva or Gran Reserva. In Rioja and the Ribera del Duero, Crianza wines are two years old, with at least one year spent in cask. Reservas are three years old with at least one year in cask, Gran Reservas are five years old; they spend two years in cask and three in the bottle. In

other regions, these aging times are typically shorter.

Southern Spain is the home of Sherry, produced in a small region around the town of Jerez. Sherry is made principally from the Palomino and Pedro Ximénez grapes. Once the grapes are harvested and fermented, they are left in contact with air for a prolonged period of time.

The wines are put in a tier of barrels containing wine of differing ages, oldest at the bottom and youngest at the top. The wine in the lowest barrel is drawn off and bottled, and each barrel is topped up with wine from the one above, explaining why sherry is almost never vintage dated. Sherries come in a number of styles. These can broadly be divided into dry, medium or sweet.

Spanish wines are gems and have gained more notice in recent years. Bring out the tapas and unearth your sense of adventure while you allow yourself to fall in love with Spain's wines. Salud! ♦

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## Wines from the 90's Club: Fine Wines Rated 90 Points or Above...Under \$30

Georges Duboeuf Fleurie '09	90 pts. WS	France	\$12.99	(reg \$16.99)
Perrin et Fils Gigondas La Gille '07 (Top 100 WS)	92 pts. WS	France	\$27.99	(reg \$32.99)
Marques de Casa Concha Cabernet Sauvignon '08	90 pts. WS	Chile	\$18.48	(reg \$21.99)
Marques de Casa Concha Chardonnay '09	90 pts. WS	Chile	\$13.99	(reg \$19.99)
Sauvion & Fils Sancerre '09	90 pts. WS	France	\$25.99	(reg \$30.99)
Laetitia Arrego Grande Chardonnay '09	91 pts. WE	California	\$12.99	(reg \$14.99)
Benziger Family Carneros Chardonnay '08	91 pts. WE	California	\$16.99	(reg \$19.99)
Penfolds Shiraz Kalmina Bin 28 '06	90 pts. RP	Australia	\$16.99	(reg \$23.99)
Santa Alicia Reserve Carmenere '08	90 pts. W&S	Chile	\$ 6.99	(reg \$ 7.99)
Benziger Family Sonoma Coast Cabernet Sauvignon '07	90 pts. WE	California	\$16.99	(reg \$22.99)
Starborough Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough '09	90 pts. WS	New Zealand	\$10.29	(reg \$12.99)
Villa Maria Sauvignon Blanc Marlborough 2010	90 pts. WS	New Zealand	\$11.29	(reg \$13.99)
Falesco Merlot '09	92 pts. RP	Italy	\$12.99	(reg \$14.99)
Santa Ema Reserve Merlot '08	90 pts. RP	Chile	\$10.99	(reg \$12.99)
Primus Cabernet Sauvignon/Syrah/Merlot/Carmenere Blend '07	90 pts. RP	Chile	\$16.49	(reg \$19.99)
Michele Chiarlo Barbera d'Asti '08	90 pts. WS	Italy	\$10.99	(reg \$12.99)
Kaesler Stonehorse Shiraz/Grenache/Mourvedre	91 pts. ST	Spain	\$12.99	(reg \$14.99)
Franciscan Napa Cabernet Sauvignon '07	94 pts. WE	Napa Valley	\$19.99	(reg \$24.99)
Joseph Carr Reserve Chardonnay '08	93 pts. WE	Sonoma	\$21.49	(reg \$24.99)
La Crema Chardonnay '09	93 pts. WE	Sonoma	\$16.99	(reg \$19.99)
Sonoma-Cutrer Chardonnay '09	91 pts. WE	Sonoma	\$21.49	(reg \$24.99)
La Crema Pinot Noir '09	90 pts. WE	Sonoma	\$21.49	(reg \$24.99)
Trapiche Broquel Malbec 2008	90 pts. WE	Argentina	\$12.49	(reg \$14.49)
Maipe Reserve Cabernet Sauvignon 2009	90 pts. RP	Argentina	\$12.99	(reg \$14.99)
Maipe Reserve Malbec 2009	90 pts. RP	Argentina	\$12.99	(reg \$14.99)
Graffigna Reserve Malbec 2008	90 pts. RP	Argentina	\$ 9.39	(reg \$10.99)
Domaine Terlato & Chapoutier Shiraz-Viognier 2008	90 pts. WS	Australia	\$15.29	(reg \$17.99)
Petra Zingari 2008	90 pts. WA	Italy	\$11.89	(reg \$13.99)
The Winner's Tank Shiraz 2008	90 pts. RP	Australia	\$11.89	(reg \$13.99)
Embocadero Tempranillo 2008	91 pts. RP	Spain	\$11.99	(reg \$13.99)
Catena Zapata 2008	91 pts. RP	Argentina	\$16.99	(reg \$19.99)
Zind-Humbrecht Pinot Blanc 2008	91 pts. WS	Alsace	\$19.99	(reg \$24.99)
Chateau Rollan De By Medoc 2008 Top 100 (WS)	90 pts. WS	France	\$21.99	(reg \$25.99)
Schramsberg Mirabelle Brut Rose	93 pts. WS	California	\$22.99	(reg \$26.99)
Domaine Carneros Brut by Taittinger 2006	91 pts. WS	California	\$20.99	(reg \$24.99)
Roederer Estate Anderson Valley Brut	92 pts. W&S	California	\$19.99	(reg \$24.99)
Santa Margherita Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore	91 pts. W&S	Italy	\$16.99	(reg \$19.99)
Mollydooker 'The Boxer' Shiraz 2009	91 pts. WS	Australia	\$21.99	(reg \$27.99)
Starmont Chardonnay 2008	90 pts. WS	Napa Valley	\$13.99	(reg \$16.49)
Lancatay Malbec 2009	90 pts. RP	Argentina	\$ 8.49	(reg \$ 9.99)
Alamos Seleccion Malbec 2008	90 pts. WE	Argentina	\$14.49	(reg \$16.99)
Casajus 2006	91 pts. RP	Spain	\$16.99	(reg \$ 19.99)
E. Guigal Cotes du Rhone 2007	90 pts. RP	Rhone Valley	\$11.49	(reg \$13.49)
Castello d'Albola Chianti Classico 2007 Top 100 (WS)	90 pts. WS	Chianti	\$12.99	(reg \$14.99)
Domaine de Nizas Syrah/Mourvedre/Grenache 2006	90 pts. WS	Languedoc	\$13.99	(reg \$16.99)
Kunde Chardonnay 2008	90 pts. W&S	Sonoma	3/\$24.99	(reg \$12.99)
Lan Crianza 2006 (Top 100/WS)	90 pts. WS	Rioja	\$10.99	(reg \$11.99)
Ruffino Ducale Chianti Classico Riserva 2006	90 pts. WS	Chianti	\$21.39	(reg \$26.99)
Ruffino Modus 2007 (WS Top 100)	96 pts. WS	Toscana	\$19.99	(reg \$24.99)
Gloria Ferrer Sonoma Brut Sparkling Wine Top 100/WS	90 pts. WS	Sonoma	\$13.59	(reg \$15.99)
Mumm Napa Brut Prestige Sparkling Wine (Top 100/WS)	90 pts. WS	Napa	\$16.19	(reg \$19.99)
J Pinot Gris 2009	90 pts. WE	California	\$12.99	(reg \$14.99)
Pacific Rim Riesling (Organic) 2008	92 pts. WE	Columbia Valley	\$11.99	(reg \$13.99)
Perrin & Fils Vinsobres Les Cornuds 2007	91 pts. WS	Rhone Valley	\$17.99	(reg \$21.29)
Ruffino Il Ducale 2007	90 pts. WS	Tuscany	\$12.99	(reg \$14.99)
Tikal Patriota Bonarda/Malbec 2008	92 pts. RP	Argentina	\$17.99	(reg \$20.99)
Chalk Hill Sauvignon Blanc 2007	92 pts. WE	Russian River Val	\$19.99	(reg \$27.99)
Artesa Carneros Chardonnay 2009	90 pts. WE	Carneros	\$15.49	(reg \$18.29)
Trimbach Riesling 2007 Top 100 WS	91 pts. WS	Alsace	\$15.99	(reg \$18.99)
Kunde (Sustainably Farmed) Zinfandel 2006	90 pts. IWC	Sonoma	\$10.49	(reg \$12.49)
Montebuena Rioja 2009	90 pts. RP	Spain	\$10.19	(reg \$11.99)
Thorn-Clarke Terra Barossa Estate Grown Shiraz 2008	90 pts. RP	Australia	\$12.99	(reg \$14.99)

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# Outrageous Mail-in-Rebates

## A Toast to Terrific Savings

Sensational Wine .....	W&SS Pink Price.....	Mail-in-rebate Case Offer .....	Price after Mail-in-rebate.....	Reg Price
	<i>(Mix 'n Match*)</i>			
Sebastiani Sonoma Chardonnay '0X.....	\$8.49 Mix 'n Match*	\$36 (12-750 ml)	\$ 5.49	(reg \$11.99)
Sebastiani Sonoma Cabernet Sauvignon '0X.....	\$12.99 *	\$36 (12-750 ml)	\$ 9.99	(reg \$14.99)
BV Coastal Cabernet Sauvignon '0X.....	\$6.79 Mix 'n Match*	\$20 (12-750 ml)	\$ 5.13	(reg \$ 9.99)
BV Coastal Sauvignon Blanc '0X.....	\$5.00 *	\$20 (12-750 ml)	\$ 3.34	(reg \$ 9.99)
Simi Chardonnay '0X.....	\$12.99 Mix 'n Match*	\$40 (12-750 ml)	\$ 9.66	(reg \$15.99)
Franciscan Napa Cabernet Sauvignon '07.....	\$19.99 *	\$40 (12-750 ml)	\$16.66	(reg \$24.99)
<b>Franciscan Napa Cabernet 94 Pts (WE)</b>				
Robert Mondavi Fumé Blanc.....	\$12.99 *	\$40 (12-750 ml)	\$ 9.66	(reg \$15.99)
Robert Mondavi Chardonnay.....	\$15.49 *	\$40 (12-750 ml)	\$ 12.16	(reg \$18.49)
Lindeman's Chardonnay.....	\$9.99 Mix 'n Match*	\$12 (6-1.5 ltr)	\$ 7.99	(reg \$11.99)
Lindeman's Merlot.....	\$9.99 *	\$12 (6-1.5 ltr)	\$ 7.99	(reg \$11.99)
Lindeman's Shiraz.....	\$9.99 *	\$12 (6-1.5 ltr)	\$ 7.99	(reg \$11.99)
Lindeman's Cabernet Sauvignon.....	\$9.99 *	\$12 (6-1.5 ltr)	\$ 7.99	(reg \$11.99)
Beringer White Zinfandel.....	\$9.99 Mix 'n Match*	\$12 (6-1.5 ltr)	\$ 7.99	(reg \$11.99)
Beringer Moscato.....	\$9.99 *	\$12 (6-1.5 ltr)	\$ 7.99	(reg \$11.99)
Beringer Pinot Grigio.....	\$9.99 *	\$12 (6-1.5 ltr)	\$ 7.99	(reg \$11.99)
Kim Crawford Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$13.59	\$30 (6-750 ml)	\$11.09	(reg \$15.99)
Santa Cristina Toscana.....	\$9.99 Mix 'n Match*	\$24 (12-750 ml)	\$ 7.99	(reg \$11.99)
Santa Cristina Pinot Grigio.....	\$12.99 *	\$24 (12-750 ml)	\$ 10.99	(reg \$14.99)
Rex-Goliath Chardonnay.....	\$8.49 Mix 'n Match*	\$12 (6-1.5 ltr)	\$ 6.49	(reg \$9.99)
Rex-Goliath Cabernet Sauvignon.....	\$8.49 *	\$47 (18-1.5 ltr)	\$ 5.88	(reg \$9.99)
Toasted Head Chardonnay.....	\$11.49 Mix 'n Match*	\$30 (12-750 ml)	\$ 8.99	(reg \$14.99)
Clos du Bois Chardonnay.....	\$10.99 *	\$30 (12-750 ml)	\$ 8.49	(reg \$13.99)
Black Box Cabernet Sauvignon.....	\$19.99 Mix 'n Match*	\$5 (1-3 ltr box)	\$14.99	(reg \$24.99)
Black Box Chardonnay.....	\$19.99 *	\$5 (1-3 ltr box)	\$14.99	(reg \$24.99)
Black Box Merlot.....	\$19.99 *	\$5 (1-3 ltr box)	\$14.99	(reg \$24.99)
Black Box Pinot Grigio.....	\$19.99 *	\$5 (1-3 ltr box)	\$14.99	(reg \$24.99)
Black Box Shiraz.....	\$19.99 *	\$5 (1-3 ltr box)	\$14.99	(reg \$24.99)
Fetzer Chardonnay.....	\$11.99 Mix 'n Match*	\$2 (1-1.5 ltr/2 refunds per hsehd)	\$ 9.99	(reg \$13.99)
Fetzer Merlot.....	\$11.99 *	\$2 (1-1.5 ltr/2 refunds per hsehd)	\$ 9.99	(reg \$13.99)
Fetzer Cabernet Sauvignon.....	\$11.99 *	\$2 (1-1.5 ltr/2 refunds per hsehd)	\$ 9.99	(reg \$13.99)
Fetzer Pinot Noir.....	\$11.99 *	\$2 (1-1.5 ltr/2 refunds per hsehd)	\$ 9.99	(reg \$13.99)
Mumm Napa Sparkling Brut.....	\$13.99	\$3 (1-750 ml)	\$10.99	(reg \$17.99)
Gnarly Head Old Vine Zinfandel.....	\$8.59	\$18 (12-750 ml)	\$ 7.09	(reg \$10.99)
Nobilo Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$10.29	\$24 (12-750 ml)	\$ 8.29	(reg \$12.99)
Wente Morning Fog Chardonnay.....	\$9.99	\$15 (6-750 ml)	\$ 7.49	(reg \$11.99)
Rodney Strong Chardonnay.....	\$9.99 Mix 'n Match*	\$24 (12-750 ml)	\$ 7.99	(reg \$11.99)
Rodney Strong Cabernet Sauvignon.....	\$13.69 *	\$24 (12-750 ml)	\$11.69	(reg \$15.99)
Casillero del Diablo Carmenere.....	\$7.99 Mix 'n Match*	\$24 (12-750 ml)	\$ 5.99	(reg \$ 9.99)
Casillero del Diablo Cabernet Sauvignon.....	\$7.99 *	\$24 (12-750 ml)	\$ 5.99	(reg \$ 9.99)
Natura Sauvignon Blanc.....	\$7.99 *	\$24 (12-750 ml)	\$ 5.99	(reg \$ 9.99)
Newman's Own Cabernet Sauvignon.....	\$8.33	\$18 (12-750 ml)	\$ 6.83	(reg \$ 9.99)



## Wine Tastings Fri, 4-8 & Sat, 2-6

**Fri 4/29: Spanish Wine Tasting:** A beautiful selection of reds, whites and dry Spanish Rosés w/ Spanish cheeses.

**Sat 4/30: Fabulous New Arrivals:** So many wines, so little time. So stop by and check out what's new.

**Fri 5/6: Staff Picks:** You really can't miss this one. Taste what the staff loves to drink at this terrific tasting.

**Sat 5/7: Mother's Day Tasting!** Great sparkling wines, a pretty Rosé and some ravenous Reds for Mother's Day.

**Fri 5/13: Superstitious Wines:** Let us surprise you with a few superstitious sippers for lucky Friday the 13th.

**Sat 5/14: Wines from the 90s Club:** Fall in love with some spectacular wines from the 90s Club.

**Fri 5/20: Spanish Wine Tasting:** Discover more Spanish wines that will leave you seeing stars, w/ Spanish cheeses. And, and an Agua de Valencia Tasting w/ the canape of artichoke, Manchego & Serrano ham.

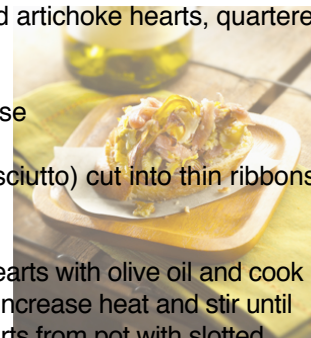
**Sat 5/21: More New Arrivals:** Another round of new and delicious wines to try.

**Fri 5/27: Wines for Memorial Day!** Wines especially for your Memorial Day Barbeque.

**Sat 5/28: Rosé Garden Tasting:** Be adventurous and taste our crisp, dry Rosé wines...and fall in love with pink.

### Canape of Artichoke, Manchego & Serrano Ham

2 cups frozen or fresh-trimmed artichoke hearts, quartered  
2 cups olive oil  
Salt to taste  
1 cup grated Manchego cheese  
Juice of half a lemon  
8 slices Serrano ham (or Prosciutto) cut into thin ribbons  
12 slices of baguette



In small pot, cover artichoke hearts with olive oil and cook over medium-low until tender. Increase heat and stir until golden. Remove artichoke hearts from pot with slotted spoon, set on paper towels and season with salt. Cool slightly, pulse in food processor, add cheese and pulse twice more. Add lemon juice, remove to large bowl and fold in ham. Pile portions of mixture atop bread slices and bake at 400° until lightly brown and hot, about five minutes.

*Serve with chilled glasses of Spanish Albarino, a crisp Rosé, Cava sparkling wine or Agua de Valencia (below).*

### Agua de Valencia

1/4 liter Cava Spanish Champagne  
3/4 liter Orange Juice  
1 deciliter Cointreau  
50 grams sugar



Combine all ingredients in a pitcher. Stir. Chill until ready to serve. Serve cold, with or without ice. Taste on 5/20 with Canapes of artichoke, Manchego and Serrano ham.

## April/May Staff Wine Picks

**Sheila: Benziger Sangiacomo Vineyard Chardonnay '08 (Sonoma) \$16.99 (reg \$19.99)** Ripe peach, pear and pineapple sing in a glass of this elegant biodynamic Chardonnay. Perfect for crab cakes and salad.

**Damian: Perrin & Fils Gigondas '07 (Rhône) \$27.99 (reg \$35.99)** 92 Pts (WS) Fresh plum, blackberries and fig fruit are backed by muscular espresso black licorice and tar notes. Grippy but polished with a long, spicy finish.

**Denise: Lan Rioja Crianza '06 (Spain) \$10.99 (reg \$12.99)** 90 Pts & Top 100 (WA) Fresh and balanced, this red brims with cherry, spice and licorice, with light, firm tannins and vibrant acidity. Generous but delicate texture.

**Graham: Seghesio Zinfandel '09 (Sonoma) \$19.99 (reg \$23.99)** This Zin is bright and juicy with balanced tannins and good acidity, making it perfect for baby back ribs in a spicy sauce or an herbal dry rub.

**Kris: Bogle Pinot Noir 09 (California) \$10.49 (reg \$12.99)** Delicious bright cherry and dark berry notes are balanced by soft cinnamon spice and a touch of earth. A beautiful partner to ham.

**Bob: Vidal-Fleury Cotes du Rhone '07 (Rhône) \$8.59 (reg \$10.49)** Grenache leads with strawberry, chocolate, prune, cherry and violet notes. On the palate, it has black fruits, cherry and pepper with a lingering finish.

Palate: Black fruits, cherry, pepper; lingering finish

**Ted: Chateau La Noe Muscadet '09 (Loire Valley) \$8.99 (reg \$10.99)** Bracing and fresh, with a vibrant, citrusy spine running through floral and white peach notes. A natural for oysters or any shellfish.

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### Check out Our Rosé Garden

Contrary to the popular misconception of Rosé wines as being cloyingly sweet, they are a crisp and clean alternative to white wines that are perfect for anything from salads and fish to barbeque fare. Don't let the pink fool you. Their soft berry notes and balanced acidity make them a refreshing wine for any occasion.