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## Wine List

July 2010

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Vintage	Product	Bottles per case	Price per bottle	Price per case	Availability
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### Italy

#### Veneto

##### Masottina S.p.a.

Masottina is a family-run company on the sunny hills of Conegliano, based in Castello di Roganzuolo. It produces a wide range of wines typical of the province of Treviso, by using grapes from its own vineyards and sourcing grapes grown in the best areas. Here they produce one of Italy's best wines, the Prosecco of Conegliano and Valdobbiadene DOC.

Masottina's production facilities are modern, yet at every step in the production process they pay respect to old traditions. Mature grapes are hand harvested and vinified with as little impact to the grapes as possible. The most prestigious red wines are matured in French-oak barriques.

NV	Conegliano Valdobbiadene Prosecco Superiore DOCG Extra Dry ( <i>Spumante</i> )	(6)	\$21.00	\$Est	July
NV	Treviso Prosecco DOC Extra Dry ( <i>Spumante</i> ) 200ml	(24)	\$ 7.00	\$Est	July
NV	Prosecco Moscato Dolce	(12)	\$21.50	\$Est	July
2009	Ca' Steller Pinot Grigio/Pinot Blanco IGT	(12)	\$15.00	\$Est	August
2008	Pinot Grigio <i>Marca Trevigiana</i> IGT	(12)	\$17.00	\$204	In stock
2008	Pinot Grigio <i>Piave</i> DOC	(12)	\$19.50	\$234	In stock
2009	Chardonnay <i>Piave</i> DOC	(12)	\$20.00	\$Est	July

2009	Ca' Steller Merlot IGT	(12)	\$15.00	\$Est	August
2009	Pinot Nero <i>Piave</i> DOC	(12)	\$20.00	\$Est	July
2009	Merlot <i>Piave</i> DOC	(12)	\$20.00	\$Est	July
2009	Cabernet Sauvignon <i>Piave</i> DOC	(12)	\$20.00	\$Est	July
2000	Colli di Conegliano <i>Montesco</i> DOC	(6)	\$50.00	\$300	July

→ 2 glasses *Gambero Rosso*; Gold Medal Concours de Bruxelles

→ unique blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Merlot & appassimento Marzemino

### F.lli Degani di Aldo Degani

Located in Valgatarà in the heart of the Valpolicella Classico region, brothers Aldo and Luca Degani are a generation of growers running a small, dynamic winery in their simple cellar. Founded in 1970, the winery produces only 5 wines; approximately 40,000 bottles annually.

The brothers own 6 hectares of vineyards in Marano and Fumane, re-planted over 25 years ago. The vineyards are 150-180m above sea level, with rows running north-south for maximum sun exposure. Year over year, their adherence to the local traditions demonstrates that quality depends primarily on what nature provides. According to *Gambero Rosso*, one of the major wine publications in Italy, "they amaze us by regularly turning out great results, vintage after vintage."

2009	Valpolicella Classico DOC	(12)	\$16.00	\$Est	July
2008	Valpolicella Classico Ripasso <i>Cicilio</i>	(12)	\$23.00	\$Est.	August
2007	Amarone della Valpolicella Classico DOC	(6)	\$47.00	\$Est	July
2007	Amarone della Valpolicella <i>La Rosta</i> DOC	(6)	\$54.00	\$Est	July

### Balestri Valda

Balestri Valda is a family-run estate, built high upon the hillsides overlooking the historic town of Soave, in the Veneto region of Italy. Legend has it that it was Dante who named the land Soave – meaning sweet, mild, and pleasant. The name was eventually given to the wine made in this region – a white wine made mostly from Garganega grapes, with a little Trebbiano di Soave from time to time.

Combining modern winemaking technology with the ancient traditions of the region, Balestri Valda produces one of Soave's top wines. The southern exposure of the vineyards combined with excellent soil characteristics helped to make this possible. The 2006 vintage of our Soave Classico received 2 red glasses from *Gambero Rosso*, one of Italy's top wine magazines.

2009	Soave Classico DOC	(12)	\$21.00	\$Est.	August
2006	Recioto di Soave DOCG [500ml]	(6)	\$48.00	\$Est	TBD

### Piedmont

#### Elvio Cogno Società Agricola

**One of the Top 100 Wineries of the Year, *Wine&Spirits* magazine**

Located in Ravera, the important Barolo sub-zone of Novello, Elvio Cogno is owned and operated by Valter Fissore and his wife Nadia Cogno. Even after four generations of winemaking culture, this family-run business still operates with the same pride and passion as when their ancestors first started working the land.

Family-owned vineyards constitute 9 hectares, planted to the traditional Langhe grapes: Nebbiolo, Barbera, and Dolcetto. The vineyards also include the nearly-extinct Novello white wine grape variety Anas-cëtta – which received DOC status with the 2005 vintage. A new Nebbiolo

vineyard was recently added to the estate, and will be used to produce the new reserve wine, Barolo *Bricco Pernice*.

Winemaking follows more traditional methods in the newly restored winery. Attention to detail in the vineyards, temperature-controlled fermentations, and the careful use of both large and small oak barrels for aging ensures that the best wines are put forward to the consumer. These efforts were rewarded in 2005 when their second Barolo – the 2001 Barolo Ravera – was elevated to the prestigious 3 glass (out of 3) standing by Italy's *Gambero Rosso* magazine. Their top Barolo – *Vigna Elena 2001* – also received the prestigious 3-glass award.

2005	Barolo <i>Cascina Nouva</i> DOCG	(6)	\$47.50	\$Est.	July
	→ 91pts <i>Wine&amp;Spirits</i> magazine; 89 pts <i>Wine Advocate</i> ; 88 pts <i>Wine Spectator</i>				
2005	Barolo <i>Ravera</i> DOCG	(6)	\$64.00	\$Est	July
	→ 2 red glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> magazine (means short-listed for top award); 5 star <i>Decanter</i> magazine; 92 pts <i>Wine Advocate</i> ; 93pts <i>Wine Spectator</i> ; and, 90 pts <i>Wine &amp; Spirits</i> magazine				
	→ Now ships in a wooden case				
2007	Langhe Rosso "Montegrilli" DOC	(12)	\$30.75	\$Est	July
	→ a 50-50 blend of Nebbiolo and Barbera; 90pts <i>Wine Advocate</i>				
2007	Barbera d'Alba "Bricco dei Merli" DOC	(12)	\$27.75	\$Est	July
2008	Dolcetto d'Alba DOC	(12)	\$24.25	\$Est	August

(Large format bottles are available, as well as a new reserve Barolo (Bricco Pernice) – please enquire about pricing and availability.)

## Tuscany

### Fattoria La Lecciaia

La Lecciaia was purchased by its current owner, Sig. Mauro Pacini, in 1983 and is situated in Vallafrico, bordering some of the oldest and most prestigious vineyards of Montalcino (Biondi-Santi and Barbi). The land extends to over 60 hectares: 15 hectares of which are under vine, and more than half of that is used for the production of Brunello.

The winery has been rebuilt and is equipped with modern winemaking technology, yet La Lecciaia still adheres to the old traditions of Brunello. The wines have excellent character and flavour thanks to the particular vineyard situation, soil structure, and excellent climate.

2006	Rosso di Toscana IGT	(12)	\$18.00	\$218	In stock
	→ Our Rosso di Toscana is 100% Sangiovese Grosso,				
2007	Rosso di Montalcino DOC	(12)	\$21.75	\$261	In stock
2004	<i>Il Baccanale</i> Super Tuscan	(6)	\$39.00	\$Est.	TBD
2004	Brunello di Montalcino DOCG 375ml	(12)	Vintages in October		
	→ 93pts <i>Wine Spectator</i> magazine				
2004	Brunello di Montalcino DOCG	(6)	\$50.00	\$300	In stock
	→ 93pts <i>Wine Spectator</i> magazine				
2001	Brunello di Montalcino <i>Riserva</i> DOCG	(6)	\$63.00	\$378	In stock
	→ 90pts <i>Wine Spectator</i> magazine				

Note: Magnum bottles are available through private order. Please call for pricing.

### **Fattoria Sant' Appiano**

The Sant' Appiano farm, located in the hills of the Elsa Valley between Florence and Siena, dates back to the early 14<sup>th</sup> century. Today, the Cappelli family farms 15 hectares of vineyards in mostly sandy-tuff soil, rich in fossils and stone. Family traditions combine with innovative, dynamic and modern winemaking methods to produce distinctive wines that represent real value.

Chianti is a large region within Tuscany, known especially for its red wines made from the Sangiovese grape. Chianti is made up of eight subzones, and Sant' Appiano is from the subzone of Colli Fiorentini (the Florentine Hills). Marco from Poggio Amorelli (see below) is the winemaker.

#### *Great accommodations in Tuscany:*

There are a number of apartments on the property and Sant' Appiano makes a great base to explore Tuscany. We stayed in one of the apartments last August so they come with our personal recommendation, as does the family-owned restaurant in the village. We would be happy to put you in touch with owners, or you can visit [www.santappiano.it/eng/index.php](http://www.santappiano.it/eng/index.php) by yourself. It will help if you mention how you found the link.

2008	Chianti DOCG	(12)	\$16.50	\$198	In stock
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### **Azienda Agricola Poggio Amorelli**

This boutique winery is right in the heart of Tuscany's Chianti Classico region. Marco Mazzarini, former oenologist of the Angelini group, created the estate in 1998. Unimpressed with the regions' move to more international styles, Marco set up his own winery to capture the true essence and character that is Chianti.

To make wines with superior colour, extract, aromas, and flavours, Marco uses 100% Sangiovese grapes, a long maceration, very little new oak, and no filtering in his wines. According to the prestigious Decanter Magazine, "what Poggio Amorelli delivers is the excitement of a new estate with high professional standards and great personality."

Marco has created a new estate – Poggio Barbone – in Scansano (see below).

2006	Chianti Classico DOCG	(12)	\$24.50	\$Est.	July
2007	Chianti Classico Riserva DOCG	(6)	\$38.00	\$Est	August

### **Poggio Barbone**

The Poggio Barbone vineyards were planted in 2000 and the first wine was made in 2004. The wines are made according to the regional traditions, using modern winemaking techniques and equipment.

Morellino is the local name for the Sangiovese grape varietal – the same grape used in making Chianti – while Scansano is a township in a region of southwest Tuscany called Maremma. While wine has been made in this region for centuries, only recently is it gaining respect and recognition and thus was promoted to DOCG status in 2007.

This wine is made from 90% Morellino grapes and 10% Merlot. Following high temperature maceration to promote maximum extraction of the colour and fruit flavours, the wine was aged in stainless steel tanks to preserve the wine's freshness. All the body, tannins, and flavour come from the natural freshness of the grapes.

2007	Morellino di Scansano DOCG	(12)	\$21.75	\$Estimate	July
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## Umbria

### Cantina Franco Todini

Cantina Franco Todini is situated in the heart of Umbria among the hills and green valleys that are rich with art and history, as well as natural beauty. The property is in the locality of Collevaleza di Todi -- one of the most fertile areas of Umbria -- within the Colli Martani D.O.C. zone, adjacent to that of "Montefalco" and of the "Colli Perugini".

Todini has over 300 hectares of fertile land and 25 hectares of D.O.C (Controlled Designation of Origin) vines. The company represents an excellent example of land management, carried out following cultivation techniques that have a low impact on the environment and with a perfect integration between farming activities and tourism. The particularly favourable microclimate, the adequate composition of the land, the care of the land and the care from the master vine-dressers have given rise to the cultivation of vines from which highly valued D.O.C. and I.G.T. wines are obtained.

The winery is modern, including a beautiful barrel cellar for aging the top wines of the range. A world-class Spa and hotel – Relais Todini – is also on the property. We stayed at the resort last month and it was wonderful – highly recommended and a great location for touring Umbria. Visit [www.relaistodini.com](http://www.relaistodini.com) for more information.

2009	Bianco del Cavaliere DOCG → 100% Grechetto, 92pts Luca Marone	(12)	\$20.00	\$Est.	August
2008	Tiaso IGT → 70% Sangiovese, 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot	(12)	\$18.00	\$Est	August
2008	Rosso del Relais IGT → 65% Sangiovese and 35% Petit Verdot	(12)	\$19.50	\$234	In stock
2006	Rubro DOC Colli Martani → 100% Sangiovese	(6)	\$32.00	\$Est	August
2005	Nero della Cervara IGT → 50% Merlot and 50% Cabernet Sauvignon; 18mos new French oak	(6)	\$49.00	\$Est	August

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## Marches

### Azienda Agricola San Giovanni

Silvano Di Lorenzo established San Giovanni, and produced its first wines in 1990. The vineyards are located in Offida, in the Marches region of central Italy, 350 metres above the Adriatic Sea. This is an area known for producing wines of great character, concentration, and depth of flavour.

Silvano's son, Gianni, now manages the estate assisted by cantina enologist Elso Pica and consulting enologist Giovanni Basso. There are 30 hectares under vine, and most of the land is devoted to red-wine grapes. A combination of traditional and modern winemaking techniques are employed to pay respect to the land and in recognition of market needs.

2006	Rosso Piceno Superiore <i>Leo Guelfus</i> DOC → 2 red glasses Gambero Rosso 2010, means it was it was short-listed for top award	(12)	\$17.50	\$210	In stock
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## Abruzzo

### Cantine Galasso

A family-run estate steeped in history, with diverse vineyard holdings (120 Ha) in Pescara, The ancient Torre Galasso is an important architectural symbol in Francavilla and demonstrates that the family roots in the region go back many generations.

The modern winery is located in Loreto Aprutino, with a capacity to process 3000 tons of grapes annually (around 3 million bottles). Diverse vineyard holdings – with different micro-climates and soil types – provide Ettore Galasso with many different versions of the Montepulciano grape to work with. The vineyards are located close the sea, as well as further inland toward the imposing Gran Sasso. Altitude in the vineyards varies from 0 to 300m a.s.l., and can mean a difference in harvest of up to two months.

While the traditional Montepulciano d'Abruzzo grape makes up 80% of production, Galasso also works with Trebbiano, Pinot Grigio, Chardonnay, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Our first imports are the crisp Pinot Grigio *Porte Sole* IGT Terre Degli Osci from Molise, and the Montepulciano d'Abruzzo *Fattoria* DOC from vineyards about 40km inland, near Città Sant' Angelo. The *Fattoria* spent about 12 months in large oak casks before being bottled.

2008	Pinot Grigio <i>Porte Sole</i> IGT	(12)	\$13.00	\$Est	<i>August</i>
2006	Montepulciano d'Abruzzo <i>Fattoria</i> DOC	(12)	\$13.25	\$159	In stock

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## Puglia

### Vinicola Mediterranea

Vinicola Mediterranea is located in the historic town of San Pietro Vernotico, in the region of Puglia, in southern Italy. The area has an ideal climate for growing grapes, and here the famous Negroamaro and Primitivo vines, indigenous to Puglia, thrive.

Vinicola Mediterranea was created out of the regional cooperative in 1997 and has grown to become one of the top regional producers. The winery is modern, and works with ancient grapes to produce wines of great quality and character. The latest wines in our portfolio are the rich Negroamaro and the wonderful Don Vito *Prestige* (2 glass award winner from *Gambero Rosso*).

2008	Salento Rosso <i>Don Vito</i> IGT	(12)	\$14.00	\$168	In stock
	→ a blend of 60% Negroamaro and 40% Primitivo; a great barbeque wine				
2007	Salento Rosso <i>Don Vito Prestige</i> IGT	(12)	\$17.25	\$207	<i>TBD</i>
	→ 2 glasses <i>Gambero Rosso</i> ; a superior blend of 60% Negroamaro and 40% Primitivo;				
2007	Negroamaro IGT	(12)	\$16.25	\$195	In stock
2006	Primitivo di Manduria DOC	(12)	\$17.50	\$210	In stock

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## Sicily

### Fondo Antico S.r.l.

Fondo Antico is a family-run estate, in western Sicily near the historic port of Trapani. Combining modern winemaking technology with the traditions of the region, Fondo Antico produces wines of great character. Sicily's bountiful sunshine combined with excellent soil characteristics help to make this possible.

On our last trip to Sicily we were fortunate to taste with the winemaker, Lorenza Scianna, who is definitely making a name for herself with some of the most expressive wines in the region.

2009	Grillo Parlante IGT (aromatic white wine) (12)	\$16.50	\$198	In stock
2008	Nero d'Avola IGT (12)	\$16.50	\$198	In stock
2008	Syrah IGT (12)	\$18.00	\$216	In stock

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## Australia

### South Australia

#### Hedge Lane

Terry Beckman worked for Thomas Hardy and Sons in Australia for 28 years. During his time as Export Director, Terry was instrumental in developing its brands and image worldwide. Following this success, Terry started Hedge Lane Wines and the first wine – the 2002 vintage – was exported in 2004. Terry's philosophy is to develop the finest value for money Australian wines for the World.

Hedge Lane wines are made at Geoff Merrill (see below).

2006	Cabernet Sauvignon (12)	\$15.00	\$180	3 cases
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### McLaren Vale

#### Geoff Merrill

#### Winner of Jimmy Watson Trophy 2005\*

Geoff Merrill began his winemaking career at B Seppelt & Son in 1970. Five years later he joined Chateau Reynella (owned by Hardy's) as Assistant Winemaker, and in 1977 was promoted to Senior Winemaker, a position he held until 1985. While at Chateau Reynella Geoff was able to make wines under his own *Geoff Merrill* label. These wines were first released in 1983 with his 1980 Cabernet and 1981 Semillon. In 1988, Geoff left Hardy's to run his own winery, and has continued to gain national and international recognition for his distinctive style of winemaking.

The Geoff Merrill winemaking philosophy is to make wines with regional, varietal, and vintage expression, and without excessive winemaker intervention. Geoff feels that great wine is a matter of balance, combined with subtle, elegant, and harmonious flavours.

2007	Sauvignon Blanc/Semillon (12)	\$15.50	\$186	2 cases
2005	Shiraz "Pimpala Road" (12)	\$15.50	\$Est	July
2006	Shiraz, Grenache, Mourvedre (12)	\$21.00	\$Est	July
2005	Premium Shiraz "Jacko's Blend" (12)	\$25.50	\$Est	July
2005	Premium Cabernet Sauvignon (12)	\$25.50	\$Est	September

\* Geoff won the prestigious **Jimmy Watson Trophy** in 2005 for his 2004 Reserve Shiraz. Our allocation was 20 cases (which sold out quickly), but it looks like we are able to get 15 more.

## Western Australia

### Chestnut Grove

We are happy to announce that we are once again working with Chestnut Grove wines. The Kordic family was successful in purchasing back the brand in 2009, and the first wines under their control were released toward the end of the year. The winemaker is David Dowden – ex of Vasse Felix – and we are looking forward to great wines as we move forward.

The famous Chestnut Grove Verdelho will be our first import, while we wait for the great reds – Cabernet/Merlot and Merlot – to develop in the barrel. There's been a slight delay due to export approval but as soon as that's resolved, we'll be getting our first order. The big reds are still in barrel so we will see these later in 2010 and then in 2011.

2009	Tall Timbers Chardonnay	(12)	\$16.50	\$Estimate	TBD
2008	Tall Timbers Merlot	(12)	\$16.50	\$Est	TBD
2009	Verdelho	(12)	\$20.00	\$Est	TBD

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## Spain

### Catalonia

#### Agustí Torelló Mata

In the heart of the Penedes, near the town of Sant Sadurni d'Anoia, Agustí Torelló Mata produces a range of high quality Cava (Spanish sparkling wine), highly regarded by some of Spain's most famous restaurants. Perhaps most notably for Kripta, unique for its extended ageing and handmade amphora shaped bottle. Agustí Torelló Mata is family owned and run; each of the four Torelló siblings has an active role in the business.

While there has been a movement recently to use the more fashionable higher producing grapes like the chardonnay and pinot noir in the Cava blend, Agustí Torelló stands firmly with tradition and flavour, by using only Macabeo, Xarello, Perellada, and Trepat (for the Cava rosé).

**Cava Kripta Gran Reserva**, has been described by Michel Bettane, an influential wine critic in France, as a sparkling wine comparable to the very best champagnes: "Wonderful and delicate walnut aromas, refined texture and bubbles, very seducing finish. The perfection of cava or almost, and a wine that shall surprise many people." He recently gave it 18 points over 20, the highest for that tasting, and included Kripta in his book of "The Best 100 Wines of the World" along with 4 other sparkling wines (all Champagne).

Kripta is made from 60+ year old vines, and aged on the lees in bottle for over 4 years before disgorgement. Bottles are individually numbered (only 38,000 bottles were made of this wine) showing the date of disgorgement. Within the case each bottle is individually packaged in a specially-designed box – great for gift-giving. Total allocation for Ontario was 15 cases.

2004	Cava Kripta Gran Reserva	(6)	\$84.50	\$507	<i>Check availability</i>
	→ 93pts from John Szabo MS in <a href="http://winealign.com">winealign.com</a>				

**Cava Brut Reserva** is made from a blend of 48% Macabeo, 25% Xarel-lo, and 27% Parellada grapes. Second fermentation occurs in the bottle with a minimum of 24 months aging on the lees. Bottles are disgorged individually, and only when required for market to ensure optimum condition of the wine. One of the driest Cavas on the market (Brut); approximately 5.5g/L residual sugar.

2006	Cava Brut Reserva	(6)	\$25.50	\$Est	<i>July</i>
	→ 91pts from John Szabo MS in <a href="http://winealign.com">winealign.com</a>				

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## Rioja

### Bodegas Tobía

Located in San Asensio (in Rioja Alta), Bodegas Tobía (pronounced toe-BEE-ya) is owned and operated by one of Spain's top winemakers, Oscar Tobía. Oscar holds a Master's degree in Oenology and Viticulture and is considered part of Rioja's new generation of winemakers who combine professionalism, the spirit to embrace traditions, and the best of what technology offers.

Family-owned vineyards constitute 17 hectares, with a further 60 hectares coming from controlled local vineyards. Vineyards are planted to Tempranillo, Mazuelo (Spanish name for the French grape Carignan, known for its colour, tannin, and acidity), Garnacha, Viura, and Malvasia.

Total production is approximately 450,000 bottles from one of the region's smallest winery facilities. In amongst all the other operations that have to take place on a daily basis, they've somehow found space for over 1,000 oak barrels (American, French, and Hungarian). A new, larger facility, closer to the village of San Asensio, is in the planning stages.

2005	Rioja Selección Crianza DOCa	(12)	\$25.00	\$Est	September
2004	Rioja Riserva DOCa	<a href="#">Vintages on-line</a>	\$39.00	Released	January 2009
	→ 91pts eRobertParker.com; 94pts La Guia; Gold Medal winner at Tempranillo Mundo				
2005	Alma di Tobía Gran Reserva DOCa	<a href="#">LCBO Classics</a>	\$65.00	Catalogue	Release February 2010
	→ 93pts Robert Parker; 90% Tempranillo, with over 20 month's barrel ageing.				

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## Galicia

### Bodegas Terras Gauda

Founded in 1990, Terras Gauda winery is situated in the O Rosal Valley (on the banks of the Miño River overlooking Portugal), a sub-region of DO Rías Baixas. Rías Baixas is within the Region of Galicia, in northwest Spain, part of Spain's rugged Atlantic coastline. Here the Albariño grape has adapted perfectly to the local granitic soils to produce bright and refreshing wines.

Situated at between 50-150 meters above sea level, the Terras Gauda vineyards enjoy an exceptional microclimate characterized by mild temperatures (annual average of 15° C), very little frost, and abundant rainfall. This unique microclimate is ideal for producing grapes with higher sugar content and slightly lower acidity levels than in other parts of the Rías Baixas. O Rosal is the flagship wine of Terras Gauda – a blend of hand-harvested, low yielding Albariño (70%), Loureira (20%), and Caino Blanco (10%).

Terras Gauda wines are inoculated with only natural yeasts, and are cold stabilized and filtered. The winemaker is Ana Oliveira Ortega.

2009	Albariño	(12)	\$21.00	\$Est.	July 15
2009	O Rosal (Albariño, Loureira & Caino)	(12)	\$24.00	\$Est	July

### Bodegas Valdesil S.L.

The winery can be traced back to 1885, when an ancestor of the Prada family, planted the Godello first vines on the high, slate hillsides of the Sil valley. The winemaking traditions of the current owners originate with José Ramón Gayoso, who, contrary to the custom of the time established the first vineyard planted entirely with the native Godello grape.

Little by little Gayoso expanded small parcels of vines, or 'Pezas', carefully choosing the best sites in and around the village of Portela de Valderroas. In subsequent years many of these parcels were sold to other growers, leaving only the Pedrouzos estate within the family. In 2001 the current generation of the family began to buy back the small parcels, spurred on by the

potential for Godello, the special qualities of the Valdeorras region, and the hopes of the original pioneers who established Pedrouzos, the oldest Godello vineyard in Galicia.

From the 100 plus year old Pedrouzos vineyard, the family has been able to carry out their own clonal selection and adopt techniques such as managing plant cover. On our recent trip to the winery, we were amazed to see these old vines growing out of what appeared to be pure slate. It was actually quite difficult to walk between the rows of vines due to the pointy slate shards.

Thanks to a restored heritage, Bodegas Valdesil is producing elegant and distinctive wines with an unmistakable personality which reflects their origin and grape variety.

2009	Montenovo	(12)	\$19.00	\$Estimate	July
2008	Val de Sil	(12)	\$23.50	\$Estimate	July

→ 100% Godello from minimum 20 year-old vines; 91pts Steven Tanzer's International Wine Cellar

### Finca Losada

We also work with Valdesil's sister company, Losada, from Bierzo.

2006	Altos de Losada	Released	<a href="#">Vintages On-line</a>	February 4 <sup>th</sup>	– \$45/bottle
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## Castilla Y León

### Bodegas Pittacum

Pittacum, located in the Bierzo region of northwestern Spain, produces two wines made from the indigenous Mencía (pronounced men-thee-a) grape – Bierzo Barrica and a single-vineyard wine called *Aurea*. The grapes used to make both wines are from old vines, typically between 50 to 70 years old, although some vineyards were planted in 1905 and are still producing.

Planting density is high – more than 5000 vines/ha – and yields are typically around 5,900 kg/ha. Traditional goblet training is used, and vineyard locations are selected to minimize the problems of humidity (e.g. botrytis) that are typical of the region (particularly around harvest).

Pittacum's vineyards are situated at elevations ranging from 350 to 850 metres. Pittacum owns about seven hectares, and 25 more hectares under contract are as carefully controlled as their own vineyards. Vineyard soils range from Franco-clay (sand with approx 20% clay) to sand to slate. Grapes from each vineyard are vinified separately. French and American oak barrels are used, as well as Spanish oak (*Quercus Pyrenaica*) of French origin. One third of the barrels are new, 1/3<sup>rd</sup> are 2nd passage, and the rest 3rd passage.

*Aurea* grapes come from a one-hectare estate-owned vineyard – Areixola – near the village of Arganza. The vineyard is on an east-facing slope, around 750-800m above sea level, and is comprised entirely of low yielding, high density, 70+ year-old Mencía vines. Made entirely from free-run juice, alcoholic fermentation takes place in temperature-controlled stainless steel tanks, while malolactic fermentation occurs in new French oak barrels. Following extended batonage (3 months) the wine is further aged in new French oak barrels (medium toast) for at about 14 months and in bottle for 8 months. *Aurea* is not cold stabilized, but was clarified with egg whites and bottled without filtration. The first *Aurea* vintage was 2001.

2005	Bierzo Barrica	(12)	\$22.00	\$Est	August
2006	Aurea Bierzo	(6)	\$55.00	\$330	Back order

### Bodegas Vizar

Located on the River Duero, just to the west of the Ribera del Duero DO., this newly refurbished winery combines the latest technology with quality grapes from established estate vineyards totaling approximately 80Ha. The vines are grown in similar soils and enjoy the same climate as vines of the famous neighbour.

The focus is on wines made from Tempranillo, and the international varieties Merlot, Syrah, and Cabernet Sauvignon. Minimal intervention and careful use of oak result in expressive wines with strong fruit character. Elbo *Joven* is made from 100% Tempranillo with no oak contact.

2009	Elbo	(12)	\$13.50	\$162	In stock
2008	Vizar Roble 5 meses	(12)	\$17.75	\$213	In stock

→ also classified a *Joven*, but with 5 months oak contact. 95% Tempranillo and 15% Merlot.

## Montsant

### Cellers Joan d'Anguera

Montsant received DO status in 2001. Prior to that it was the Falset sub-appellation of the Tarragona DO. The land forms a semi-circle around Priorat but the wines have an identity of their own. It is a rugged mountainous region, with mainly tertiary limestone soil and both Mediterranean and Continental climate influences. Winemaking in the region dates back to Roman times, and possibly even Greek.

This winery was founded in 1820 by Joan Anguera. Successive generations sold wine in bulk until 1984 when the company started to bottle their own wine. Today, the winery is run by two brothers – Josep and Joan – the seventh generation of the family. Their philosophy is to combine tradition with modern winemaking technology, to produce wines of distinction and high quality.

The family holds 39 hectares; 31 of which is devoted to vines. The land is planted to Syrah, Garnacha, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Carineña. Natural treatments are applied in the vineyards and all grapes are handpicked, and carefully sorted before they enter the winery. On our recent visit with Joan and Josep we learned that the Syrah vineyards that are the source for El Bugader are some of the first Syrah plantings in the region.

With the 2009 vintage, d'Anguera began the process of seeking certification as a biodynamic grower of grapes. It takes 3 years to reach the standards.

2008	Planella (DO Montsant)	(12)	\$22.00	\$Est	TBD
					→ A blend of Carignan plus 20% each of Grenache, Cabernet Sauvignon, & Syrah
2007	Finca L'Argata (DO Montsant)	(6)	\$30.00	\$Est.	TBD
					→ a blend of 40% Syrah, 40% Grenache & 20% Cabernet Sauvignon
2006	Bugader (DO Montsant)	(6)	\$56.00	\$Est	TBD
					→ 92pts Steven Tanzer; 100% Syrah from approx. 65 year old vines

## Castilla-La Mancha

### Pago Casa del Blanco

Pago Casa del Blanco is located in the municipal district of Manzanares, within the Ciudad Real county (Castilla-La Mancha), south of Madrid. In addition to 150 hectares of vineyard – planted to 12 varieties: Airén, Sauvignon Blanc, Chardonnay, Moscatel, Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Petit Verdot, Malbec, Cabernet Franc, and Garnacha) – this family owned property has a wild game reserve (2,200Ha) as well as land used for other forms of agriculture. They also raise Arabian thoroughbred horses on the property. The family philosophy for wine involves the control of all aspects of production, respect for the environment and tradition, and special emphasis to technology, research and development and promotion.

2005	QuiXote Tempranillo Merlot	(12)	\$21.25	\$255	In stock
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The wine (below), released through [Vintages Online Exclusive](#) is made from 100% hand-picked Petit Verdot grapes that were aged in American and French oak barrels (50:50) for 12 months.

2005 QuiXote Petit Verdot Vintages Online Exclusive ([110825](#)) Jan 7 **\$32 Retail**  
→ **Gold Bacchus, Madrid 2008**

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## Bizkaiko Txakolina

Spain's Basque region

### Bodegas Itsasmendi

The traditions of growing grapes and making wine in the Basque region of Bizkaia date back thousands of years. Early vineyards were located near the coastal towns of Bilbao, Lekeitio, Ondarroa, and Gernika, to supply the local demand for wine. The first references to "txakoli" date to the 17<sup>th</sup> century, but it is only in the latter half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century that the regional wines started to make their mark. The DO was created in 1994.

The white Txakoli (pronounced chak-oh-lee) is made from an indigenous Basque grape called Hondarribi-Zuri (pronounced on-dar-ee-bee zoo-ree), grown on hillside soils at an average height of 50-200 metres above sea level. The vineyards of Bodegas Itsas Mendi are uniquely sheltered from the north winds and planted in such a way as to maximize exposure to sunlight. Modern winemaking techniques result in bright, fresh wines, full of personality and richness.

Txakoli Blanco has a complex varietal personality; full of flavour with notes of citrus fruit, delicate white flowers, and a distinctive grassiness. Refreshing acidity is balanced with fruit flavours, and finishes with a slight bitterness on the palate.

2007 Txakoli Blanco Vintages ISD release December 6<sup>th</sup> ([96313](#)) **\$22.95 Retail**

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## Portugal

### Terras do Sado

#### SOTA – Domingos Damasceno de Carvalho

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2008 Damasceno Red (6) \$20.50 \$123 In stock  
→ a blend of Aragonès (Tempranillo); Syrah, Cabernet Sauvignon, and Merlot; with 6 months ageing in barrique.

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## Canada

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