SPAIN'S
SINGLE VINEYARD ESTATES

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Old World - New World

When using the terms "Old World" to refer to traditional European winegrowing regions and "New World" to refer to winegrowing regions in countries colonized by these Europeans, are we taking into account merely geographic attributes? Or, is it also about their differences in style? Lighter body, earthy and mineral wines vs. riper, full-bodied, ruit forward wines? Or, is it about traditional methods of winemaking vs. modern vineyard management and vinification techniques? What a conundrum!

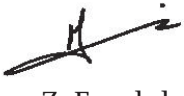
In the mid- nineties, I visited Bodegas Faustino in Rioja, Spain, and for the first time I was exposed to the earthy complex aromas and flavors of Rioja wines. I have a vivid memory of their 1964 Gran Reserva. This superb wine opened my eyes and heart to the magnificence of traditional winemaking at its highest level. At that time, I knew for sure the difference between Old World and New World wines.

In 2010, when I started to travel extensively throughout Spain and to work with individual wineries – Coops' and DO's – I realized that there was more to Spain than what I had seen in my previous visits. There was a new wave of dynamic producers making high quality and modern style wines across all regions.

In this "New World", rigid laws regarding authorized varietals and aging restrictions enforced by the regional DO's are broke. Producers are now testing the true potential of their unique indigenous grapes, planting international varieties, searching for the best terroirs and practicing new vinification and aging techniques to produce the wines they envision.

Welcome to the New World of Spanish Wines!

Cheers!



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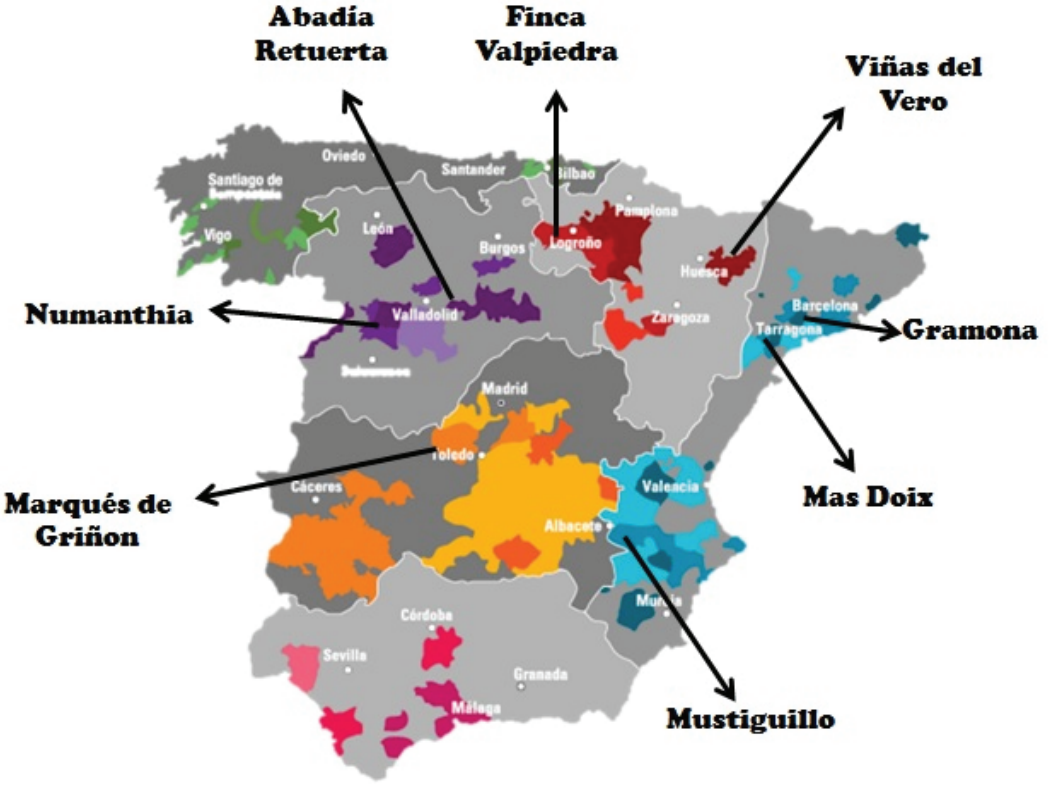
Where in Spain are our Wines?



Wine # 1

GRAMONA *III Lustros Brut Nature Gran Reserva 2007*
DO Cava
Grape Varieties: 75% Xarel.lo - 25% Macabeu
Soils: Clay-calcareous and alluvial
Aging Process: Bottle aged for 72 months

Tasting Notes:

Wine # 2

VIÑAS DEL VERO *Secastilla 2010*
DO Somontano
Grape Varieties: 100% Garnacha
Soils: Sandy loam and stony
Aging Process: 10 months in French oak barrels

Tasting Notes:

Wine # 3

MARTÍNEZ BUJANDA *Finca Valpiedra Reserva 2009*
DOC Rioja
Grape Varieties: 92% Tempranillo - 4% Graciano - 4% Maturana Tinta
Soils: Sandy, stony-calcareous and limestone
Aging Process: 22 months in French oak barrels

Tasting Notes:

Wine # 4

NUMANTHIA *Toro Tinto 2009*
DO Toro
Grape Varieties: 100% Tinta de Toro
Soils: Sandy and calcareous
Aging Process: 18 months in French oak barrels

Tasting Notes:

Wine # 5

ABADÍA RETUERTA *Pago Negrelada 2013*
Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y León
Grape Varieties: 100% Tempranillo
Soils: Gravel and sandy
Aging Process: 18 months in French oak barrels

Tasting Notes:

Wine # 6

MUSTIGUILLO *Quincha Corral 2012*
Vino de Pago, DOP El Terrerazo
Grape Varieties: 100% Bobal
Soils: Dolomite limestone under a sandy, chalky texture
Aging Process: 18 months French oak barrels. Unfiltered

Tasting Notes:

Wine # 7

MAS DOIX *Doix Vinyes Velles 2012*
DOQ Priorat
Grape Varieties: 110-year-old Carignan (55%) & 80-year-old Red Grenache (45%)
Soils: Steep slate licorella slopes
Aging Process: 16 months in new French oak barrels. Unfined & Unfiltered

Tasting Notes:

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Wine # 8

MARQUÉS DE GRIÑON
Dominio de Valdepusa Emeritus 2008
Vino de Pago Dominio de Valdepusa
Grape Varieties: 63% Cabernet Sauvignon - 32% Petit Verdot - 5%Syrah
Soils: Calcareous Clay - Loam
Aging Process: 20-24 months in French oak barrels. Bottle aged for 22 months

Tasting Notes:

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