



Handout: Part Three

Spain: the small, the obscure, the far-flung

Our Agenda

- Txakolina.....(Stephanie)
- Condado de Huelva DO.....(Sam)
- Gin de Mahón.....(Jane)



5 minute break!

- Vino Doble Pasta.....(Sam)
- Montilla-Moriles DO.....(Stephanie)
- Brandy de Jerez.....(Jane)



5 minute break!

- Bierzo DO.....(Stephanie)
- Lanzarote DO.....(Sam)
- Pago de Prado Irache.....(Jane)

Bierzo DO



Bierzo - The Place

- Northwest Spain
- Continental climate
 - Maritime influence
 - Hot summers
- Granite, clay, quartz soils
- Slate slopes
- Renaissance in 1990s



Bierzo - The Place



Photo: <http://www.vinosdel Bierzo.com>

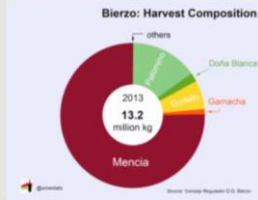
Bierzo - The History

- 4th Century - viticulture
- 12th Century - sharecropping
- 1800s - phylloxera, mildew
- 1960s - COOP movement
- 1989 - PDO
- 1990 - first DO vintage



Bierzo - The Grapes

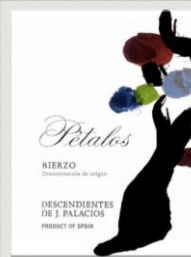
- *Red:*
 - *Mencia*
 - *Alicante Bouschet (Garnacha Tintorera)*
- *White:*
 - *Doña Blanca*
 - *Godello*
 - *Palomino*
 - *Malvasia*



Graph: <http://www.vinosdel Bierzo.com>

Bierzo - The Wines

- *Styles*
 - *Red*
 - *White*
 - *Rosado*
- *Aged/Unaged*
- *Crianza (R)*
- *Reserva*
- *Gran Reserva (R)*



Bierzo - In the Glass (Red)

- *Medium- to full-bodied*
- *Pronounced aromatics*
- *Flavors of dark berries, ripe or cooked raspberries, plums, black pepper, spice &/ or cocoa powder (producer dependent)*
- *Concentrated*



Any questions?



Bierzo

Photo: <http://www.fundacion.com/lanzarote/wines/>

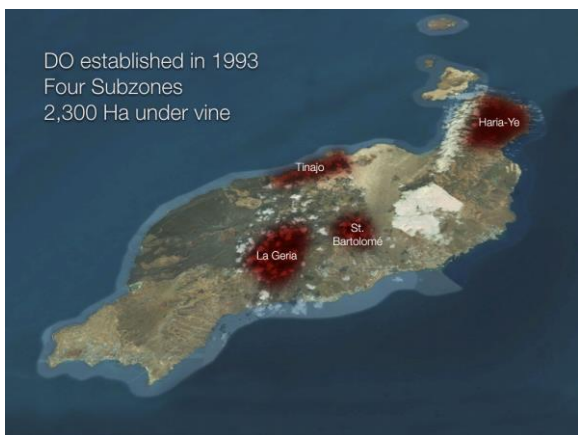
Lanzarote DO











Wine Making History

- Winemaking dates back to the 1500's
- Most of the agricultural area was destroyed between 1730 and 1736 by volcanic eruptions
- Bodegas El Grifo is among the 10 oldest wineries in Spain established in 1775



Climate Statistics

GENERAL CLIMATE	Sub-tropical Desert to Borderline Tropical Climate Sea Breeze is similar to Maritime
WIND INFLUENCE	The Moroccan "Sirocco"
TEMPERATURE RANGE	Low Average: 57.2°F (January) High Average: 84.4°F (August)
ANNUAL DAYS OF PRECIPITATION	16 days per year <i>Rain has never been recorded in July</i>
TOTAL RAINFALL	4.5 inches annually



Picon Soil



Vineyard Management



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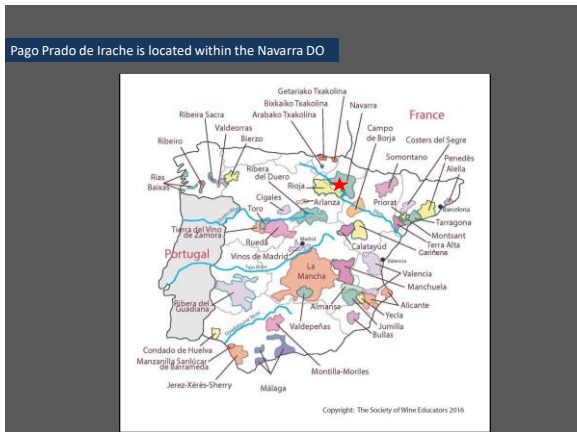
Grapes & Wines



- 75% of annual production is sweet Malvasia
- Dry Whites, Reds, and Rosés are produced as well
- Other grape varieties include:
 - *Diego*
 - *Muscatel*
 - *Pedro Ximenez*









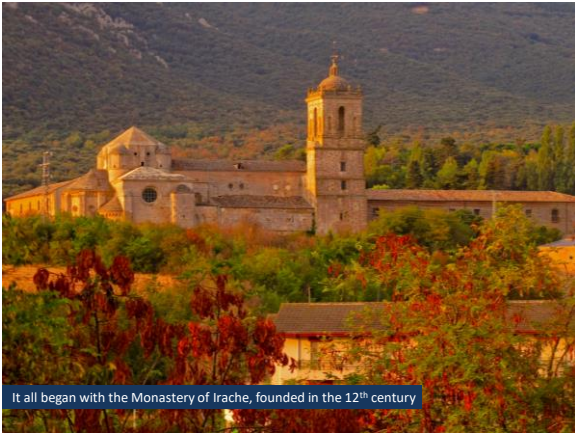






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In 1991, the winery built a wine fountain for pilgrims







Their new aging hall contains over 10,000 casks of aging wine.



The firm grows 150 hectares of grapes.

Varieties include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Tempranillo, Garnacha, Graciano, Mazuelo, Viura, Chardonnay and Malvasia.



Viña Irache DO Navarra

Irache Reserva DO Navarra

Real Irache/ Gran Reserva DO Navarra

Prado de Irache/ Vino de Pago Prado Irache



Vino de Pago established in 2008

Must abide by all standards of the DO Navarra, as well as the following higher standards:

Minimum abv of 12% (vs. 11.5%)

Maximum yields: 6,800 – 7,200 kg/ha (vs. 8,000)



Other standards for the Pago include:

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Other standards for the Pago include:	Two bottles of Prado de Irache wine. The bottle in the foreground is labeled 'PRADO DE IRACHE RESERVA 2005' and 'Bodega nº 1473 de 10.000'. The bottle behind it is labeled 'PRADO DE IRACHE RESERVA 2005'.
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Dry, red wines only	
Authorized varieties:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Merlot• Cabernet Sauvignon• Tempranillo• Mazuelo• Graciano	

