

Stu's Picks Wine Club May 10th 2008 Tasting Selections and Notes

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Club Pick's for May 2008:

Campo Viejo Reserva

Composition 75% Tempranillo, 15% Graciano, 10% Mazuelo

Aging Three years

Tasting notes Rounded, with a soft, generous finish

Food Tips A balanced wine well suited to pork, lamb chops, grilled steak, venison or dried cheeses

Vineyards

In addition to a 400 acre Estate vineyard, the Bodega Juan Alcorta sources grapes from an area of almost 4700 acres. Most of the vineyards consist of old vines, over 25 years old, and mainly of the Tempranillo variety. The vines are arranged in plots, and are carefully selected for each wine. The vine growth cycle is carefully monitored and a series of growing guidelines are laid down for each estate.



Bodegas Garcia Revalo Casamaro, Rueda. ****White Wine****

Colour: medium intense light green white.

Nose: expressive, very fresh, with clear box(hedge) green impressions, many minerals, some tropical ripe fruit (pineapple) and apples, very clean and clear, with depth and complexity, also refined and with a strong individual character.

Taste: very fresh, very dry, rich, very intense, spicy, with strong acidity, loads of minerals, many "green" nuances of box(hedge), green herbs and white fruit, a little touch of bitterness, exceptionally clean and refreshing, excellent balance. Elegance with power.

Finish: long, intense, piquant acidity, clean, some richness, many minerals some white fruit, strong aromatic "green" and mineral style, more spicy, but not unlike Sauvignon-Blanc.

* Very refreshing dry white wine, very intense and piquant, but also with richness, depth and refinement, elegant and strong, expressive with green (box hedge) aroma's not unlike Sauvignon-Blanc, a wealth of mineral nuances, excellent balance and a super clean and clear character, all for a very affordable price.
- Drink this wine young, its youth and fresh character will probably fade quite soon, so do not be tempted to mature this wine, drink before 2008
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May 10th 2008, Additional Selections and Notes

Chateau Grande Cassagne, Costieres de Nimes, Rose

Producer: Château Grande Cassagne

Wine: Rosé

Country: France

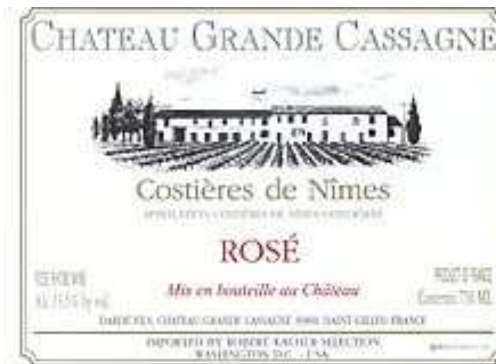
Appellation: Costières de Nîmes

Wine Type: Rosé

Primary Varietals: 45% Grenache, 45% Syrah, 10% Mourvèdre

Rosés are crisp and refreshing and takes your mind off the stifling heat, at least until you finish your glass.

Château Grand Cassagne is one of my favorite estates as they always seem to produce excellent wines that are also great values, and their Rosé has been a summer staple. Opening with pleasant aromas of strawberries, raspberries and candy apple, this pink wine is dry, clean and crisp, with tart, ripe fruit flavors of apples and red currants, and finishing nice and neat. Adding to their appeal during the summer, pink wines also pair well with a variety of summer dishes such as barbeque, chicken salad, coleslaw and the like.



2005 Grand Estates Merlot

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Tasting Notes

"This complex, artisanally crafted wine offers classic Merlot spice, ripe cherry fruit, and cocoa aromatics which persist on the palate. The balance of wood and black fruits creates a velvety, seductively smooth finish."

-Ray Einberger, Winemaker

Vineyards

- Grand Estates Merlot is harvested from vineyards located predominantly on the Horse Heaven Hills (which contributes texture and body) and the Wahluke Slope (for aromatics and complexity.)
 - Columbia Valley vineyards are seated east of the Cascade Mountain range. Up to 14,000 feet high, the mountains effectively block eastward-moving wet weather systems from the Pacific Ocean.
 - Just 6 to 8 inches of rainfall reach the growing region annually. Vineyards are 100% drip irrigated.
 - The soils have low fertility and low water-holding capacity, allowing precise control of vine growth patterns.
- Vines are planted north to south on south and southeast-facing slopes.
Blend: 94% Merlot, 5% Cabernet Sauvignon, 1% Cabernet Franc



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