

Wine List for March, April & May's Virtual Experiences

March 27th, GARNACHA

Look by GRAPE.

This month we are tasting only the garnacha grape from Spain.

Look by REGION.

Garnacha is grown heavily in DO Madrid, DO Campo de Borja, DO Cariñena, DO Calatayud, DO Somontano. It is also grown throughout Spain in other DOs, however the most popular are the ones listed here.

Look by WINERY.

Please don't fret if you can't find the names below. It all depends on where you live and what you can get shipped to you. We definitely suggest looking by GRAPE first this month.

That said, here are our suggestions:

Raúl will be drinking:

Bodegas Alto Moncayo, "Veraton", 2017, DO Campo de Borja

- Aragonia DO Campo de Borja
- Tres Picos DO Campo de Borja
- La Paca, DO Calatayud (we haven't tried this but you can purchase at Trader Joe's!)
- Comando G, DO Madrid
- Las Moradas de San Martín, DO Madrid
- Bernabeleva, DO Madrid
- Tierra Calma DO Madrid
- Rioja Palacios Remondo, DOC Rioja
- Telmo Rodríguez DOP Cebreiros

(DO = Denominación de Origen. Wine region classification in Spain. Equivalent to the French appellations (AOC) & Italian AOC.)

April 24th, RIOJA vs RIBERA DEL DUERO

1st, please look for a CRIANZA (which refers to the time it's in the barrel & bottle. Make sure it isn't a "Reserva" or "Gran Reserva"!)

Look by REGION.

DOCa Rioja & DO Ribera del Duero

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Look by WINERY.

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That said, here are our suggestions:

Raúl will be drinking:

- Muga CRIANZA DO Rioja & Pesquera CRIANZA DO Ribera del Duero. These are CLASSICS that are also the most likely to find outside Spain.

Other wineries to look for:

DO Rioja CRIANZA:

- Bodegas Altanzas, Marqués de Riscal, Marqués de Murrieta, CVNE (pronounced koo-nay), Roda, Ostau, Bodegas Riojana, Bodegas López de Heredia, Bodegas Vivanco, Ysios, Pujanza, Predicador. TOP wines that need mentioning but are rather pricey: Contador, Palacios Remondo Quiñón de Valmira, Bodegas Contador, Bodegas Roda Cirsion, Artadi El Carretil

DO Ribera del Duero CRIANZA:

- Pesquera, Valsotillo, Arbas, Emilio Moro, Viña Pedrosa, Finca Villacreces, Aster, Pago de los Capellanes, Pago de Carraovejas, Portia. TOP wines that need mentioning but are rather pricey: Vega Sicilia, Pingus, Vizcarra, Pedrosa, Torremilanos, Arzuaga, Viña Mayor, Pícaro del Águila, Dominio de Cair

May 29th, SPANISH ROSÉ

1st, you're looking for "Rosados", ideally with a PALE COLOR and not "Claretes". Claretes are made with white and red grapes, while rosados are made with only red grapes.

Look by GRAPE.

Garnacha makes a great Rosé (or rosado in Spanish), as well as Mazuelo (a.k.a. Cariñena), Tempranillo & Syrah.

Look by REGION.

DO Navarra, DO Cigales, then others DOCa Rioja, DOC Priorat, DO Monterrei, DO Valencia

Look by Winery/Label.

If you can't find any of these names, no worries. Look by Grape & region and you'll find something that you can get shipped to you.

Our suggestions are:

Raúl will be drinking 2 different rosé to show the differences:

- 1 from Bodegas Muga (very pale) DOCa Rioja & 1 from a Petit Verdot, from Pago del Vicario.
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Other wineries to look for:

- Marqués de Murrieta, Primer Rosé, DO Rioja
- Viña Zorzal, DO Navarra
- Ramón Bilbao, Lalomba Finca Lalinde, DO Rioja Marqués de Riscal, DO Rioja Enate (Rosado Cabernet Sauvignon) DO Somontano
- Hispano Suizas | D.O. Valencia
- Terras do Cigarrón | D.O. Monterrei

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