



Join us for Saturday afternoon wine tastings, 2 to 6:30 p.m.

## This Saturday, May 15 Mar i Muntanya

### Whites

#### **Abadia da Cova Albariño, Ribeira Sacra, 2008**

When it comes to the Albariño grape, the Rias Baixas wine region in Galicia gets all the press. Just east of Rias Baixas there is Ribeira Sacra where Albariño is equally at home and the wine growing tradition no less ancient. Numerous monasteries and hermitages were founded in these inaccessible, steep river valleys between the 8<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> centuries lending the name Ribeira Sacra, "sacred riversides." Strongly influenced by the Atlantic and produced from hand-harvested grapes from terraced vineyards along the Miño River which becomes the boundary between Spain and Portugal, Albariño here has an uncommon power and intensity.

**Reg. \$20.99      Special \$18.89**

#### **Bodegas y Vinedos José Pariente Verdejo, José Pariente, 2008**

In today's wine world, Spain is hot, and it's not just because of their reds. We've extolled the virtues of Albariño from Galicia and the José Pariente is a prime example of Spain's next top white, Verdejo from Rueda. The grapes come from a 40 year old, 15 acre estate vineyard and from purchased grapes grown nearby. Although the climate is continental with hot summers, the grapes are grown at an elevation of 1,500 feet, ensuring cool nights that protect the aromatic intensity of the grapes. Crisp and vibrant with hints of citrus and herbs, Verdejo is a cool spring for parched palates.

**Reg. \$22.99      Special \$20.69**

### Reds

#### **Valserrano Rioja Reserva, 2004**

Valserrano is a family winery begun in the late 1800's and located in the Rioja Alavesa subregion of Rioja. Now run by Juan Pablo de Símon and his sons Pablo and Jaime, Valserrano produces wines from the classic grape varieties of Rioja: Tempranillo, Graciano, Mazuelo, Garnacha and Viura. The Reserva is 90% Tempranillo and 10% Graciano aged 24 months in French and American oak barrels. In Rioja, 2004 along with 2001 are the best vintages of the decade 2000-2009 and the structure, depth and finesse of this top vintage are on full display here.

**Reg. \$24.99      Special \$22.49**

#### **Paramo de Corcos Ribera del Duero Crianza, 2003**

Ribera del Duero is Rioja's alter ego and the power personality of the Tempranillo grape. Known locally as Tinto Fino in this wine region near Valladolid, these Tempranillo-based wines take on

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muscle and intensity that would satisfy any jaded California Cabernet drinker. Paramo de Corcos, which means "bleak plateau", is 70 acres of vineyards situated on an arid plateau at 3,000 feet and has been producing wine since before the Ribera del Duero appellation was established. Paramo de Corcos is a multi-generational family enterprise and previously sold their grapes to Vega Sicilia, Spain's most sought-after wine (with Pingus). Since 2000 they have produced their own wine with the new generation led by Francisco Javier Camarero Bajo as enologist. The Crainza is the "star of the bodega" produced from hand-harvested grapes from low-yielding vineyard plots aged 12 months in French and American oak *barrica*.

**Reg. \$28.99**

**Special \$25.99**

- Jeff Gledhill

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