

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Friday, June 28th, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.
Spanish Tasting with Drew from A&B
\$10 Tasting Fee

Gramona Cava Gran Cuvee 2009 \$21.99

From the first sip to the last, Gramona Cava Gran Cuvee, a Spanish sparkling wine from the Penedes region, is enigmatic, effortless and matured to perfection.

With its pear, almond and brioche flavors, this crisp sparkler lends itself to wide range of dishes. Make sure to try it alongside a Tabla de Quesos, a cheese plate of Manchego, Idiazabal, and Cabrales, or pair this sparkling wine with a vibrant, citrusy ceviche of shrimp, clams and lobster.

Rafeal Palacio ius 2011 Louro do Bolo Godello \$ \$23.99

Sourced from the vines of the DO of Valdeorras in northwest Spain just north of the Portugal border, this white wine is yellow-green in color, presenting an indulgent nose of hazelnut, guava, pear-skin and hints of mango. Quietly tropical, with its indulgent foretaste confirmed on the palate, the wine shows a gently leesy undercurrent and a lick of sour honey at the back of the mouth.

Mas d'En Compte Blanc 2011 \$29.99

This elegant white wine from Priorat is a blend of the white varieties in the region. Opening with intense aromas of ripe fruit ranging from tropical and citrus fruits to yellow stone fruit, it shows toasted and smoked aromas along with creamy notes of pastry and butter, spice and subtle floral nuances.

Full-bodied and powerful, this clean and elegant wine boasts an embracing attack, with a long and tasty mid palate of intense fruit flavors along with toasted and smoked flavors, before a long and persistent finish of smoke and a mineral background.

Herencia Altés 2012 Garnacha Negra \$10.99

Grenache, Garnacha or Garnatxa, whatever you call it, the Spanish grow more of it than anyone else, and over the past decade many wonderful Garnacha wines have come out of Spain. This particular Garnacha is made by Nuria Altés, owner and winemaker for Herencia Altés, in the Terra Alta D.O., in the high and dry, rocky hills of southeastern Catalonia bordering Aragon. Offering loads of kirsch, raspberry, licorice, garrigue and chalky minerality, this medium to full-bodied, dense wine will be at its height over the next two-to-three years. What a deal!

Cecillio Black Slate "Gratallops" 2011 \$21.99

"Overflowing with ripe black cherry and blacker styled fruits, licorice, freshly crushed stone, and assorted floral nuances on the nose, it turns structured on the finish, with loads of tannic grip. A big wine that has plenty of fruit and textured, it has a stacked mid-palate and is perfectly balanced on the palate. It should evolve gracefully for over a decade." ~JD, 93, Rhone Report

Cellar Cecilio is a family-owned estate located in Gratallops village in the heart of the mountainous Spanish Priorat in southwest Catalonia. Their vineyards are planted in black slate and quartz soil locally known as llicorella, unique to the Priorat region.

Mas Doix Salanques 2009 \$37.99

A blend of 65% Garnacha and 20% Caríñena, this wine's purple color shows how highly concentrated and extracted this wine is. Its floral aromas, black fruit and chalky minerality speak to the pedigree of the vineyards. On the palate, the wine is completely balanced, with full body, good acid, ripe tannins, and a velvety mouthfeel.

"Deep ruby. Exotic aromas of blackberry and cherry-cola, with sexy notes of incense, lavender and smoky minerals. Broad, fleshy and concentrated, offering intense black and blue fruit flavors, supple texture and a hint of vanilla. Closes long and spicy, with gripping tannins and a bit of licorice." 91 Points -International Wine Cellar