

Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes
Saturday, September 14th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Spanish Tasting with Cordon Selections

\$10 Tasting Fee!

German Gilabert Cava NV \$17.99

The German Gilabert is a classic non-vintage sparkling Spanish Cava with upfront tart apple and floral notes on the nose. On the palate it becomes more complex, with flavors reminiscent of a white Burgundy, showing apple, lemon rind and honey. It has light, small bubbles that go down oh, so, smoothly.

Palacio De Bornos Verdejo 2012 \$17.99

A great example of Verdejo from Spain's DO Rueda, this fresh white wine offers bright crisp acidity. Straw yellow with fresh green tones, the wine is hugely aromatic, showing tropical fruit, tangerine, lemongrass and lemon thyme aromas. In the mouth it's full, well structured, dense and persistent showing fruit notes that meld with anise and minerals

Guímaro Ribeira Sacra 2011 \$21.99

Ribeira Sacra in Northwest Spain is one of Galicia's least known wine appellations, yet it is producing some of Spain's most interesting wines. The very small area has attracted some top wine makers and small, artisanal projects due to its unique and challenging landscape.

Cultivated since Roman times, Ribeira Sacra's (The "Sacred Banks") steep terraced vineyards are some of the most picturesque and treacherous to work in the world of wine. Winegrowing here is not for the faint of heart; it takes spirited determination, unwieldy optimism, a sense of tradition, and a willingness to collaborate.

Vina Ilusion Joven 2011 \$17.99

This is a strikingly beautiful wine grown in a vineyard set amid olive, almond and oak trees in the sub zone of Rioja Baja. It's an unoaked blend of Tempranillo and Grenache from 20-year-old vines grown by winemaker Martín Alonso who founded Viña Ilusion in 1992.

Here you find supple lingering cherry and raspberry flavors, light spice, with a medium-light body (think Pinot Noir), yet with a velvety, plush texture and soft tannins. It is lively and enchanting.

Monasterio Ocho Meses Barrica Tinto 2008 \$27.99

Monasterio de Corias is one of only seven producers in the rugged region of Asturias, that lies sandwiched between Galicia to the west, Cantabria to the east, and the spectacular Cantabrian mountains to the south. The winery produces a tiny amount of wine in the pure slate covered region known as Vino de la Terra de Congas. The Spanish varietals of Carrasquén, Verdejo Negro and Mencía combine in this very light (in color and body) red wine.

Bodegas Marañones Tinto Marañones 2010 \$35.99

“Bodega Marañones is located in San Martín de Valdeiglesias, a sub-region of the Vinos de Madrid DO. Young winemaker Fernando ‘Fer’ García is one of the stable of natural wine fanatics who has been heavily influenced by the biodynamic wines of the Loire and Burgundy. He is a good friend of Dani Jimenez Landi and part of the ‘Chicos del Terruor’ group of like-minded ‘Terroiristas’. It is no great surprise then that his old vine Garnacha, Syrah and Albillo wines have a balanced freshness and sense of place. The vineyards are aged between 30-80 years old and are farmed organically across 5 different parcels. Whole bunch fermentation in open top barrels started off by natural yeasts influence the style of wine greatly and both wines are a pure expression of the variety and terroir. Undoubtedly one of Spain’s most talented up and coming winemakers.”