Wicked Cellars Tasting Notes: Saturday, September 28th, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. Bodegas Enate of Somontano Spain

\$10 Tasting Fee!



Bodegas ENATE is a special winery located the Somontano region of northeastern Spain. The name Somontano means 'under the mountains', an apt description as the region sits in the foothills of the central Pyrenees Mountains less than 35 miles from France.

In Somontano the blue and clear Mediterranean sky mixes with the humid Atlantic air coming from the Cantabrian Sea. In the crash between these two forces, the mountain chain disperses the clouds and softens temperatures, allowing grapes to mature slowly, reaching a higher acidity that gives to its wines a European touch.

Awarded DO status in 1984, Somontano has become a force in the Spanish wine industry, offering a wide range of wine styles and types, also adopting a particularly modern approach to winemaking that is reflected in its technologically advanced wineries and vineyard practices.

ENATE is one of these cutting edge bodegas, defining itself as a winery for the 21st century. The culture of Enate is not a matter of chance. Each action is the consequence of a very particular way of understanding nature resulting from a respect for nature.

2012 ENATE Chardonnay 234 \$16.99

This 100% Chardonnay selected from the single "234 Vineyard" in Enate Valley offers an intense bouquet of apple, peach, fennel, guava and passion fruit with discrete mineral notes in the background. On the palate the wine is complex with rich mouth filling fruit and a long crisp clean finish.

2012 ENATE Somontano Tapas Tempraníllo \$10.99

This young red blend of Tempranillo with splashes of Merlot and Cabernet Sauvignon offers great value and presents a bright cherry red color. Notes of red fruit and hints of caramel and spice appear on the nose. Lively and fresh, this wine offers spice, structure and grippy tannins on the palate.

2010 ENATE Cabernet Sauvignon-Merlot \$13.99

This full ruby colored 50/50 blend of Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot offers complex blackcurrant and blackberry aromas with suggestions of violets, red pepper, vanilla and herbs. Its smooth, rounded palate presents a layer of ripe tannins and a full-flavored, toasty finish and offers balanced acidity to enable the wine to improve in bottle up to five years.

2007 ENATE Crianza Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon \$18.99

This 70/30 blend of Tempranillo and Cabernet Sauvignon is matured for nine months in oak and 18 months in the bottle.

It is cherry colored with an intense and complex bouquet, rich in smoky, spicy tones over a base of ripe fruit. With balanced tannins, this wine is full bodied with a long, toasty finish.

2005 ENATE Reserva Cabernet Sauvignon \$26.99

Matured for 12 months in French oak barrels and 24 months in bottle, this 100 % Cabernet Sauvignon is a dark cherry color. Its bouquet suggests earthy fruit, redcurrants and blackberries with hints of truffles, cinnamon, mint, vanilla and pepper. The palate shows firm tannins overlaid with toasty tobacco flavors and ripe berries leading to a long finish.