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¡Nuevos vinos españoles son arrivados en la tienda Bishop's Cellar! Just in time to celebrate Spain's victory at the World Cup, our long awaited Spanish and Portugese wine order is finally in the store.

I've put together a complete list of these new arrivals, including a few tasting notes. You'll find that I've also included *many* links throughout this newsletter that will take you to informative and interesting websites and articles to help broaden your understanding of these often overlooked **wine regions**.

NEW WINES AT BISHOP'S CELLAR!

PORTUGAL

We are excited to introduce the wines of Esporão to Nova Scotia. This winery is one of the most respected in Portugal's **Alentejo**.



White

- **2008 Esporao Monte Velho Branco, Alentejo, Portugal... \$15.00**
Fresh & bright with lovely fruit expression. (For all you wine geeks out there, this is a blend of Rabo de Ovelha, Arinto and Roupeiro.)
- **2008 Esporao Reserva Branco, Alentejo, Portugal...\$28.00**

Red

- **2007 Esporao Aragones, Alentejo, Portugal...\$55**
A blend of Trincadeira, Aragones, Syrah, Touriga Nacional and Alicante. Aromas of ripe red and blue berry fruits. Intense and concentrated with a velvety texture, robust tannins and a long finish.
- **2009 Esporao Monte Velho Tinto, Alentejo, Portugal...\$16.00**
- **2007 Esporao Reserva Tinto, Alentejo, Portugal...\$38.50**

Another great Portuguese wine...

- **2004 Quinta Do Passadouro Reserva, Duoro, Portugal...\$58.00**

SPAIN

WHITE

- **2009 Abad Dom Bueno Godello, Bierzo, Spain... \$15.50**
Aromas of grapefruit and minerals pop out of the glass with intriguing ripe pear and floral notes on the finish. This wine, made from the [Godello](#) grape, is ultra fish friendly!
- **2009 Bodegas As Laxas Albarino, Rias Baixas, Spain...\$25.25**
This [Albarino](#) from Bodegas Laxas (pronounced like 'luscious') shows aromas of apples, apricots, melon and flowers with underlying herbal notes and a background of minerality. (FYI - 'Rias Baixas' is pronounced "r-ee-as by-shas".)
- **2009 Lorca Macabeo, Bullas, Spain...\$12.00**
- **N/V Rene Barbier Mediterranean White, Spain...\$14.00**

ROSE

- **2009 Lorca Monastrell Rosado, Bullas, Spain...\$12.00**
- **2009 Pardevalles Rosado, Tierra de Leon, Spain...\$15.00**
Intense, fresh strawberry aromas with a full mouth feel and pleasant spritz. (I used to be pretty confident with my knowledge of the wine grapes of the world, but the more I am exposed to these Spanish wines, the more I realize how much more there is to learn! This rosado is made with a local grape called Prieto Picudo - now how many of you have heard of that one?)
- **N/V Rene Barbier Mediterranean Rosé, Spain...\$14.00**

REDS

- **2007 Abad Dom Bueno Tinto Robles, Bierzo, Spain...\$17.50**
*Bright and fruity with elegant notes - typical of the **Mencia** varietal.*
 - **2005 Altorredondo Pago de Costalao, Castilla y Leon, Spain...\$55.00**
 - **2006 Altorredondo Old Vine Tempranillo, Castilla y Leon, Spain...\$42.00**
 - **2005 Casajus Antiguos Vinedos, Ribera del Douro, Spain...\$40.00**
100% Tempranillo showing rich berry, spice and licorice aromas and a hint of mineral. Great tannic structure and a long satisfying finish.
 - **2007 Cubo Tempranillo, Spain...\$13.00**
 - **2008 Lorca Monastrell, Bullas, Spain...\$12.00**
 - **2008 Marco Valerio Marcial Garnacha, Catalayud, Spain...\$12.00**
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If you're intrigued by any of these new offerings, we have a great opportunity to try several of these wines from the Iberian Peninsula at our next in store tasting.

iSalud! Saúde! A toast to Spain and Portugal - Friday, July 23rd 5:00pm -7:00pm

This past February a group from Bishop's Cellar traveled to Spain and Portugal with the goal of returning with some wonderful new selections from these under-represented regions. We will also be serving lovely Spanish tapas to compliment these new selections. **\$10/person at the door. Please [RSVP](#).**



I still have a little over a month until I can fully partake in the fiesta and really enjoy these new wines. So, until then, I will simply focus on the more technical side of the wine business rather than the practical by reading more and brushing up on Spanish and Portugese grapes and regions.

iSalud!

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