

Croughton Wine Appreciation Group
“Is it all about the Rioja?”

TASTING NOTES

434. Pazo de Villarei Albarino, Rias Baixas, 2015. 12.5%

This fruity, bone-dry, mouth-watering albarino is a lovely introduction to the fresh, aromatic quality of Spain’s famous north-western grape. A great alternative to sauvignon blanc.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score:3.04 /5 (5 is highest) Price: £8.95

435. Saleta Moscatel-Sauvignon Blanc, 2016. 12.5%

This clever unoaked Spanish blend combines vibrant, dry muscatel bursting with aromas of lime and peach with a dash of sauvignon blanc to add precision and crispness. This is juicy and moreish.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score:2.88 /5 (5 is highest) Price: £6.75

436. Muga Blanco Rioja, 2016. 13%

A stylish, round and succulent white Rioja made in a fruity style with a very light touch of oak. Like all Muga’s wines, this is highly drinkable.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score: 2.38 /5 (5 is highest) Price: £9.95

437. Senorio de Sarria Rosado, Navarra, 2016. 13.5%

This vivid, deep pink-coloured Spanish Rosado is round, succulent and creamy. Full of raspberry fruit with a soft and satisfying palate.

General comments:

Colour:

Nose:

Taste:

Score:1.96 /5 (5 is highest) Price: £6.50

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438. Avaniel, Ribera del Duero, 2015. 13.5%

Attractive, spicy, unoaked Ribera del Duero which has the tempranillo grape's typical cherry-fruit flavour balanced by modest tannins and a juicy finish.

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 2.92/5 (5 is highest) Price: £7.50

439. Bodegas Murua VS, Rioja, 2012. 13.5%

Fine and elegant Rioja from this lesser-known property next door to Marques de Riscal. Sixteen months in oak add a creamy, silky quality to this perfumed style and the velvety texture would be delicious with turkey. Just ready now, and worth decanting.

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 3.85 /5 (5 is highest) Price: £13.95

440. Setze Gallets Garnacha-Monastrell, Valencia 2014. 14%

This wonderfully individual wine has a real classical feel, being perfumed and savoury with hints of cherry fruit and finely integrated tannins. Long ageing in amphorae endows this wine with mature characteristics and a personality of its own.

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 3.69 /5 (5 is highest) Price: £7.50

441. San Roman, Toro, 2011. 14.5%

This is potent Toro at its most exquisite: meaty, concentrated, very full-bodied with massive backbone of tannin to support. Decant for two hours before serving.

General comments:

Colour:

Taste:

Nose:

Score: 4.42 /5 (5 is highest) Price: £26

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