

BOOKHAM WINE CLUB MONDAY MARCH 11 2019

'New Espanol' presented by Pippa Hayward

'During our tastings please respect the Presenter. Talk less and listen more.'

White Wines

1. Maquina y Tabla , Paramos de Nicasia Malvasia /Verdejo 2017 , Vino de Villa, Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y Leon (13.5%)

Put simply, it's Verdejo, but not as you know it. The addition of Malvasia makes this incredibly complex and intriguing. Lots of rich spiced apple fruit but with a bright, nutty flor influence too. Layers and layers of interest here - the type of wine where you pick up more and more aromas and flavours with each and every sip.

2. 'Flower and the Bee,' Treixadura 2017 Coto de Gomariz, D.O. Ribeiro, Galicia (13.%)

Deep yellow/gold colour, a lovely full-flavoured white wine. Powerful flavours of herbs, pears and white peach, with some apricot and spice notes. Real presence, but not at all heavy. Just lovely fruit intensity, and amazing freshness. Drink now.

3. Acustic Blanc 2016 , Acustic Celler , Garnacha Blanca , Macabeu , Pansal and Garnacha Roja, D. O. Montsant , Catalunya (14%)

Rich and plump and toffeed in that seductive way that Grenache Blanc has. Really quite powerful with nostril-clearing heat (surely this is more than 14% alcohol?) but it's a wine that comfortably sits within its creamy, broad spread of caramelised fruit. Needs careful food matching as it will easily dominate; maybe a rich sweetcorn chowder, or onion tart?

Red Wines

4. Salvaje de Moncayo Garnacha 2016, Aragon (14%)

Remarkable elegance for the price here. This is a generous, plummy and velvety Spanish garnacha from grapes grown in the Moncayo mountains in Aragon, not far from Navarra. The high altitude means the ripe fruit is balanced by bright, juicy acidity.

5. Envinata Lousas Vinas de Aldea 2015 D.O. Ribeira Sacra , Galicia (13%)

A fine, silky and graceful red which would appeal to lovers of Burgundy. Predominantly made from mencia, with a few local varieties thrown in for good measure (brancellao, merenzao, mouraton, bastardo and garnacha).

6. Aranleon Solo Bobal 2016 D.O. Utiel-Requena, Valencia (14%)

This exciting organic blend highlights Spain's versatility and makes a star of Valencia's indigenous bobal grape, here blended with syrah. An alluring and smoky red which enchants with its gorgeously rich, fruity flavour.

7. Pepe Mendoza Monastrell-Syrah-Alicante Bouschet 2016 (14%)

This superb southern Spanish red is a new discovery. Blackberry fruit and Mediterranean spices combine in this wonderfully full-bodied wine made by Pepe Mendoza in Alicante. The blend is mostly monastrell with 15% of each syrah and Alicante bouschet.