

# VINOSTITOHARVEST2015



## VINOSTITO WINE TASTING EVENT 2015

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## RAÚL PÉREZ

So elusive that his very existence is doubted by some, the enigmatic Raul Perez is one of the current superstars of Spanish wine with consultancies and projects all over the country, but mostly in his native North West. He is a national treasure in Spain, a true living legend of Spanish wine! Peréz' family winery is Castro Ventosa in Bierzo and they are some of the most important owners of vineyards within this region. He is also a consultant for other Bierzo producers and in Ribeira Sacra and Rias Baixas. When he comes across especially promising lots of grapes he vinifies wines under his own name, as a sideline and sometimes in tiny quantities, in his own winery in Ponferrada in Bierzo. The low yield results in very distinctive and original wines from a true trailblazer.

## OLIVIERE RIVIERE

Olivier Rivière, a native of Cognac, studied oenology in Montagne St-Emilion. He moved to Rioja in 2004 and he searched for vines tended organically and bought and vinified grapes from a small grower in Cardenas. He eventually rented a 1.20HA plot and had his first harvest in 2006. Altitude is extremely important to Rivière, the cool nights keep acidity in the grapes, so he can make much fresher wines than most in the region.

His red bottlings are Rayos Uva, all Tempranillo aged in vats; Ganko, half and half Garnacha and Tempranillo aged in barrels; and Gabacho that is 50% Tempranillo, 35 Garnacha, and 15 Graciano.

Since

vines in Rioja are exorbitantly expensive, Olivier turned to another area to purchase 1HA of old Tempranillo vines at 1000 meters of altitude. These are in the village of Cavarrubias, in the Burgos province, in the AOC Arlanza. The vines are very old, and Rivière thinks he'll be able to make a long-lived, yet fresh wine from them.



## DAVID BUSTOS FROM EMILIO VALERIO

Joining our growing list of natural winemakers who utilize biodynamic methods is the project Laderas de Montejurra fronted by Emilio Valerio. David Bustos is one of the company's top producers and they cultivate over 50 small parcels near the village of Dicastillo, in the Tierra Estella region where Valerio was born and raised. There is the added remit of protecting the local countryside and its biodiversity. Spanish natives Tempranillo, Graciano and Garnacha vines are matched with Cabernet and Merlot at altitudes of up to 1,000 metres. There is only concrete or wood used in the cellar which helps to express the natural fruit character and terroir in the wines.



## CLAUS FROM CLAUS PRESINGER

In Claus's own words:

"My winery is new and modern, I'm a bit older now, and everything changes - but I stay the way I've always been; born 1980 (great birth year; lousy vintage) first wine: 2000 (great vintage!) first Pannobile in 2004 (another great vintage!) Nature itself has made me work in tune with it. This means greenbelt setting, humus with compost from cattle and horses, homeopathic care of the vines. A lot of you will say that you don't believe in that mumbo jumbo. That's ok, just believe one thing: you will taste it in the wine anyway. No one ever doubted that after tasting my wine but feel free to doubt me"

We at VinosTito agree and after tasting his wines we think you'll agree too!



## WILLIAM FROM FILIPA PATO

Filipa Pato is one of the bright young talents of Portuguese winemaking. She also has a famous father, Luis Pato, widely acknowledged to be the leading producer in the Bairrada region. Her partner, William Wouters, who Filipa describes as 'crazy about wine' is also a producer with the company. They started to make wines together 'for the craziness' to quote Filipa. Their company is named 'Vinhos Doidos' (which translates as 'crazy wines'). They started to produce two wines, Bossa and Nossa. Bossa is a refreshing white, ideal for a party! Nossa is a complex wine with their two favourite white grapes, Bical and Encruzado. As Filipa said "Making wine was always fun for me, and for William it is fun to sell it."

Indeed, and we think it will be fun to taste it too!

## GERMÁN BLANCO FROM QUINTA MILÚ

Winemaker German Blanco calls his project a 'Micro-winery' and it is based around the village of La Aguilera in Burgos province with some vineyards at over 900 metres altitude in the Ribera Del Duero region. German is reviving old traditions such as foot-treading the grapes and the fruit driven wines are spontaneously fermented. Their top selling wine is Milu, which is a "less" noble-style wine. Their flagship wine 'La Cometa' (The Kite) is more structured and aged in a mixture of new and old oak for around 15 months. This is a small family project that has shown its great potential and the funky labels really stand out.



## JOAO MENERES FROM QUINTA DO ROMEU

The Quinta Do Romeu estate dates back to 1874 when it was founded by Clemente Menéres. It produces one of the best olive oils in the world; port wine and top rank table wines, exporting their produce to Europe, America and Asia. Viticulture on Quinta do Romeu has been organic since 1997. In fact, the entire estate is currently certified organic, meaning that its agricultural practices are chemical-free. The reason is a belief that this approach brings out the best tastes and aromas in the wine and that both people and the environment are left better off.

All grapes varieties are Portuguese and traditional within the Douro Region. This means that Quinta do Romeu marks a departure from the monotony of the varieties most commonly used worldwide, using its own, local and organically grown varieties. With such a respected tradition resting on his shoulders we think the estate is in excellent hands with Joao Meneres and you will see how enthusiastic he is in keeping with the family tradition of seeking harmony among people, crops and the environment.

## RAMÓN PERERA FROM CELLER PARDAS

The Celler Pardas winery is located in the Can Comas estate which is between 200 and 300 meters above sea level in the upper Penedes region. It was founded in 1996 by Ramon Perera and Jordi Arnan.

Ramon Parera, the principal wine grower, practices an extremely austere form of viticulture, in accordance with the estate's philosophy that excludes both manuring and tilling of the land, thus bringing the vines closer to nature. His belief is that there should be almost no technological intervention in the production process and he only utilises the estate's own grapes that are personally grown in their own dry-farmed vineyards.

The result is that they produce very individual wines with clearly defined character.