

WILFRED'S WINE GUIDE

ADVENTURE



February 2010 Selections:

- Bodegas Sierra Cantabria Rioja Crianza '05 (SPAIN)
- Monte Antico Toscana Rosso '05 (ITALY)

Dear Wine Lover,

In a world of solid, everyday, upscale red wines, the [Sierra Cantabria Crianza](#) and the Monte Antico are two of the best wines one could ever choose. The ['05 Cantabria](#) is ripe, rich and enticing with great Old and New World flavors. The beautiful ['05 Monte Antico](#) is a precise example of Tuscan red- slightly rustic yet clean and wonderful. Both wines invite food and conviviality with family and friends.

It was nearly 20 years ago, when I traveled to [Sierra Cantabria](#) with Spanish wine importer extraordinaire Jorge Ordonez. The visit was great and left with an incredible, lasting impression of Rioja at its best. While I have yet to visit where Monte Antico is produced, I have consumed countless bottles over the decades. While it is always a fun wine, it becomes an even greater wine with food.

As we are constantly bombarded with wine advertisements of brands that we have never here of, isn't it grand to know that some of the best companies are still producing their wines at a high level of quality. Please enjoy this fine duo, they have never let me down and always get consumed to last drop. Both wines are drinking well now and do not require additional time in the bottle.

Cheers!

Wilfred Wong
Cellar Master

WINERY NOTES

Bodegas Sierra Cantabria Rioja Crianza '05

This wine comes from three proprietary vineyards: La Veguilla, Jararte, and Valgrande located around the towns of San Vicente de la Sonsierra and Labastida. Soils are clay-limestone with gravel. Yields are 371 gal./acre. Careful hand harvesting of perfectly mature clusters with good sanitary conditions and additional selection made in the winery using a sorting table.



Monte Antico Toscana Rosso '05

Monte Antico is a proprietary label of Neil & Maria Empson. Three and a half decades of passion and experience have gone into the Empsons' tribute to the heartland of Italy. Their unique affinity to this extraordinary region has led them to make their own mark on Tuscan soil: with the Maestro of Italian winemakers, Franco Bernabei, they have styled the Tuscan grape per eccellenza and expressed its ultimate potential,

