

WILFRED'S WINE GUIDE

ADVENTURE



February 2010 Selections:

- Verum Chardonnay, Patagonia '07 (ARGENTINA)
- Juan Gil Red, Jumilla '07 (SPAIN)

Dear Wine Lover,

Since 2005, I have traveled to Argentina four times and each time it is another great adventure. On my most recent trip in January 2010, I met winemaker Mariano Vignoni who poured me his incredible [2009 Chardonnay](#). That wine out plays many grand cru Chablis I have enjoyed. For this month's Adventure Club, we are offering the superb ['07 Verum Chardonnay](#), a wine that Robert Parker, Jr. gave 90 points and saying that it is "Creamy-textured with ripe flavors, lively acidity and a lengthy, refreshing finish."

One of the great Spanish wine entrepreneurs is Jorge Ordenez. Last April, the BevMo team visited him at his Boston area corporate offices and tasted nearly 100 wines and dine on the area's finest cuisine. Ordenez, the ultimate gourmand, took us through each of his wineries and with each passing wine, we were simply in awe. The ['07 Juan Gil](#) red is a delicious wine from Jumilla. Made from 100% Monastrell, we found the wine incredible.

For me discovering wines has so many rewards, traveling to port-of-calls near and far provides me the building blocks to know as much about wine is possible. If I could pack all of you in my suitcase, we could learn great lessons together. In the meantime, please enjoy two supremely delicious wines. I have brought them from afar just for you.

Cheers!

Wilfred Wong
Cellar Master

WINERY NOTES

Verum Chardonnay, Patagonia '07

Verum (Bodega Del Rio Elorza) is a new boutique, family winery with 45 acres of high-density vineyards in the Alto Valle de Rio Negro, Patagonia. The winemakers are internationally renowned Alberto Antonini and the local Mariano Vignoni. Their experience and understanding of this unique Patagonian terroir, along with Marcelo Casazza's precise vineyard management, impart great personality to the wines



Juan Gil Red '05 Juan Gil Red, Jumilla '07

The Bodegas Hijos de Juan Gil is located in the Valley of La Aragona in Jumilla (about 50 km off of the Mediterranean coast). The grape sources include 45 hectares (108 acres) of hillside Monastrell vineyards at 700 m above sea level, oriented to the north. The vines are trained in the vaso system and yield 4T per Ha (1.7T per acre) annual scant rainfall of 250 milliliters per year. The average age is 25 years old. This wine is produced from 100% Monastrell (also called Mourvèdre in France)

