

COLLIN'S COLUMN



SPAIN

Spec's Spanish Sale Spectacular! by Collin Williams



This year, I am filled with excitement about the potential for our Spanish category! We have great promotions that will be going on all year including discounts on some of your favorites and a few premiums, wine-maker dinners, exclusive tastings, as well as in-store promotions that are sure to catch your attention.

It is my goal to get you, our Spec's guests, to try some of the Spanish selections that you have not had the opportunity to do so in the past. It frustrates me to be able to sample all of these wines (as part of the job), but not be able to share the experience with those Spanish wine aficionados out there. So,

in attempts to share the wealth, we will be promoting a couple of different great Spanish wines each month at fantastic discounts.

Keep in mind, many of these offerings may be limited in production and are not necessarily offered at every Spec's store location. So, get 'em while the price is hot!



Heras Cordon Reserva 2001 (DOC Rioja)
 Regularly Priced: \$36.99
Sale Price: \$29.99!!

90pts – Wine Advocate
 The 2001 Reserva, made from a blend of 90% Tempranillo and 10% Graciano, was aged 15 months in new oak, 80% French and 20% American. Dark ruby in color, it offers hints of pencil lead, spice box, cherries, and black

currants in its complex bouquet. Medium bodied, this modern-styled Rioja has plenty of ripe, tasty red and black fruits. Considerable elegance, and a long, pure finish. Drink over the next 6 – 8 years.

Bodegas Remeriz de Ganuza Reseva 2002 (DOC Rioja)
 Regularly priced: \$77.32
Sale Price: \$49.99!!

89pts – Wine Advocate
 From a serious, artisanal Rioja producer, this unfiltered and unfiltered 2002 (a blend of old vine Tempranillo, Graciano, and Grenache) boasts a dark ruby/plum color along with notes of creosote, vanilla, black cherry, and cassia. Medium body with silky tannin in an up-front style, it should drink well for 4-6 years.



San Vicente 2002 (DOC Rioja)
 Regularly Priced: \$52.32
Sale Price: \$39.99!!

91pts – Robert Parker
 A single vineyard Rioja made from 100% Tempranillo, the stunning 2002 San Vicente was aged 20 months in primarily new French oak (a small amount of American wood was also used), and bottled unfiltered. This Pomerol-styled red offers succulent mocha, black cherry, chocolate, and toasty oak aromas as well as wonderful intensity, medium to full body, silky tannin, and a long heady finish. Drink now.



Marques de la Concordia Reserva 2002 (DOC Rioja)
 Regularly Priced: \$19.53
Sale Price: \$16.99!!

This superb Rioja is aged for 24 months in new French and American oak. Delicate raspberry, cherry, and cranberry with wonderful oak flavor give way to deep and complex spiced red berry tastes, with a long, sublime finish.



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