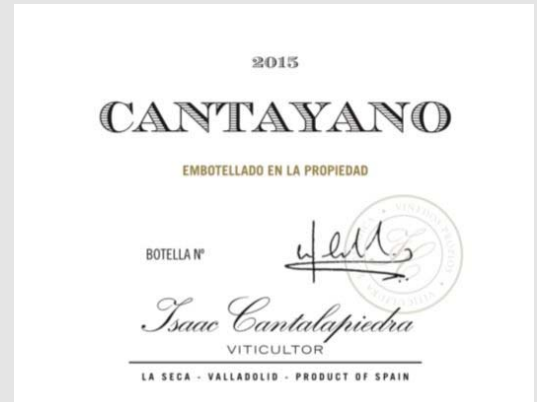




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Alejandro Cantalapiedra "Cantayano" 2015 Verdejo Valladolid, Spain

The Cantalapiedras descend from several generations of winegrowers working in the municipality of La Seca. This dusty town of 1,000 people, half an hour southwest of the industrial center of Valladolid, is considered to be the heart of the Rueda appellation, with a disproportionate number of well-known producers calling it home. Although there are records of the Cantalapiedras' grape-growing dating to the 19th century, the birth of the current estate can be traced directly to the year 1949, when patriarch Heliodoro planted his first vineyard plot, or majuelo, at the tender age of 15. For many years, Heliodoro's son Isaac worked alongside him, and together they have built a 20 hectare domaine that is now certified organic. In the past they sold the bulk of their grape production to larger producers in the area. It is with the third generation - Helio has since passed away and Isaac's son Manuel has joined - that the family has established a small cellar of their own, bottling their first vintage in 2014.



Being farmers first, they strive to go beyond organic, and incorporate many biodynamic practices into their viticulture. Their grapes are oftentimes harvested later than other producers in the region, with about 7 hectares of their fruit vinified by the Cantalapiedras, while the rest is sold to the old relationships of the family. In the cellar, Manuel utilizes wild yeasts for fermentation, minimal amounts of sulfur, and no other additions. Given the excellent quality of the wines right out of the gate, we are beyond excited to see what the future holds for Manuel and Isaac Cantalapiedra.

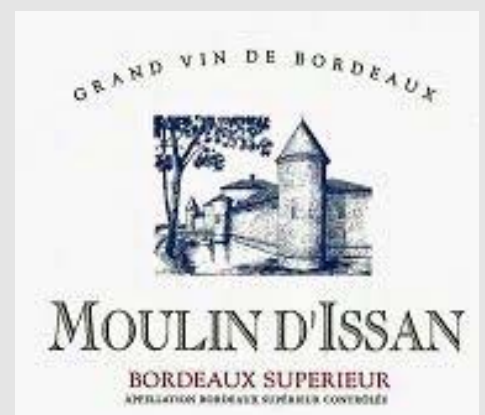
"Cantayano" is 100% Verdejo picked from three vineyard sites. Grapes are destemmed, and macerated 4-24 hours before pressing. The juice is wild yeast fermented 90% in steel vats, 10% in used French barrels, raised on lees for 8 months, and bottled with a light filtration and fining. The result is one of the most authentic Verdejos we have tasted, with firm structure and a bewitching stone fruit herbal depth. This is a perfect wine to pair with flaky fish or sheep cheeses.

Moulin D'Issan 2012 Bordeaux Superieur France

It is a wine lover's ultimate dream to discover a gem of a bottle from an outstanding producer. The only thing that makes that victory taste sweeter is when that wine has a budget friendly price tag. This is a wine that hits both marks.

Composed of 90% Merlot and 10% Cabernet, this Bordeaux offers up a delicious, savory nose of wild flowers and just a hint of barnyard funk in the background. Lean acidity is matched with a velvety smooth palate of currants, blackberry, and sage.

Chateau D'Issan is classified as a third growth Bordeaux which means you can rest assured of its providence and quality while still considering this wine within the realm of everyday drinking. A true treat from one of the worlds most sought after regions.





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Penville 2014 "Les Chignons" Grenache
Santa Ynez, California

For us, this wine fires on all cylinders and is a perfect representation of the best the Santa Ynez AVA has to offer. Started as a passion project between two wine industry professionals, these two friends make wines that are handcrafted labors of love solely from Stolpman Vineyards, arguably the crown of Santa Ynez in the Ballard Canyon.

Utilizing concrete eggs and open top fermentation, these two friends seek to let the fruit of their vineyards speak for themselves with minimal intervention and a "winemaking starts in the vineyard" approach.

Juicy, lean, savory, and utterly refreshing this wine represents Grenache at its peak of perfection. We sincerely hope you enjoy this 100% Grenache from these up and coming winemakers as much as we do.

