



## Viva Espana! Ole, ole, ole ole! (Take 2)

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We hope all of y'all enjoyed last weeks sales and took advantage of the incredible prices we offer at Spec's. And, as promised, we are going to let the good times roll! This week, we are going to once again entice you into the Spanish wine category by offering more great wines with unbelievable sales.

Since Ribera del Duero is one of my favorite regions within the country of Spain, I thought it would be fitting if we focused on the wines from this highly acclaimed wine district. For those of you in the know, Ribera del Duero gained prestige through such brands as Vega Sicilia and Pesquera. These wines showed the world that not only could wines from Spain be good, but were able to compete against the best wines in the world and win (just like the recent World Cup Match!)

Gaining DO status in 1982, Ribera del Duero has seen an emergence of a new wineries and products that continue to impress critics and consumers alike. Over the last couple of decades, winemakers here have been consistently working to improve upon their success through concentration in the vineyards and developing new and innovative ways to make the wines. Through a focus on mostly 100% Tempranillo (Tinto Pais), the winemakers are able to showcase a true expression of Spanish wines and their terroir.

I highly encourage you to try some of these selections while the prices are hot. I'm positive you will discover a new myriad of flavors that may spur more investigation into this great area.

### "DO Ribera del Duero"

#### **Milcampos 2008 (DO Ribera del Duero)**

**Normally priced - \$13.39**

**Sale price through (7/30) - \$9.99**

This great little wine has over – delivered through multiple vintages. Good wines from Ribera del Duero usually hang out around the \$20 price point. However, we were lucky enough to partner with this winery a few years ago and have found the wines to be excellent. 100% Tempranillo that is full of aromas of violets and blackberry jam on the nose followed by a solid core with deep flavors of blueberry, blackberry, and licorice spice complemented by a subtle touch of oak. The acidity and finish of this wine ties it together in a nice little package.

#### **Emilio Moro (DO Ribera del Duero)**

**Normally Priced - \$20.92**

**Sale Price through (7/30) - \$17.99**

**92pts – Wine Advocate**

The 2006 Emilio Moro was aged in French and American oak for 12 months. It has a superb bouquet of smoke, roasted herbs, scorched earth, and blackberry. Layered on the palate, it has tons of fruit, plenty of spice box notes, a firm structure, and 2-3 years of aging potential. This lengthy effort should provide pleasure through 2026.

The Moro family has been making wine in Ribera del Duero for over 120 years.

#### **Casajus Vendimia Seleccion 2006**

**(DO Ribera del Duero)**

**Normally priced - \$21.04**

**Sale Price through (7/24) - \$16.99**

**91pts – Wine Advocate**

The 2006 Vendimia Seleccionada is a bit more expressive aromatically with floral and mineral notes than the 2005. However, it is less dense and structured. It will evolve for 1-2 years and drink well through 2020. It is an excellent value in age-worthy Tempranillo.

Bodegas J. A. Calvo Casajus is owned and operated by its namesake, Jose Alberto Calvo Casajus. It is literally a one-man operation with Casajus also doubling as his village's baker. His grandfather planted the estate's Tempranillo vineyards in 1920. Two wines are produced, the Vendimia Seleccionada and the Antiguos Vinedos. ☞



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