

Orangethicket Wines

Small Wineries, Great Wines

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Introduction

We are now firmly into 2016. No excuses for writing the wrong year on your checks any more. Here in the Phoenix area, the daytime temperatures are in the high 60's. I saw that Larry (a local Creeker), in response to the storms on the East Coast, offered solace in that he had to scrape all the sunshine off his windshield before driving home. Life is tough here in Paradise.

New Wineries

Once again, Curious Cork Imports (to us this would be Wayland Boyd) came along just before Christmas bringing with him some wine samples. One was **Adegas Galegas**, which is located in the Northwest corner of Spain, in the famous Rías Baixas zone of Galicia. Adegas Galegas was founded in 1995 with a desire to accentuate the unique characteristics of the O Rosado and O Condado sub-zones of the region. They showcase indigenous Spanish varietals of the region: two aromatic whites, Albariño and Godello, and 2 styles of the red grape Mencia. The winery is located in Salvaterra do Miño, which sits on the border with Portugal in the southernmost area of Rías Baixas. Time to dig out your favourite maps website to see where all this is.

The other samples he brought were from **Domaine de Baronarques**. This premier estate of Southwest France dates back to 1650. It was acquired by the Baroness Philippine de Rothschild and her sons Philippe Seryes de Rothschild and Julien de Beaumarchais de Rothschild in 1998. Bringing their knowledge of viticulture and winemaking to the quality of this terroir, they offer three world class wines: two Bordeaux style red blends and a Chardonnay. Domaine de Baronarques has taken its rightful place alongside the Rothschild family's other well known estates, including Château Mouton Rothschild.

Separately, I was recently approached by Gregory Hayes to consider carrying his wines named **Cosa Obra**.

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New Customers

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Greg is a man of many talents, including wine sales and software development, but his passion is wine making. He has been making wine for 10 years now, sourcing quality grapes throughout Sonoma County and picking up accolades all along the way for his Pinot Noir, Rhône blend and two styles of Sauvignon Blanc. The demand for Cosa Obra has grown steadily over the years, and now Arizona has come into play - so he has asked Orangewood to help get his wine into the right hands. He is justly proud of the wines and thinks of them as "our thing, what we do, a hand crafted body of work". A phrase that translates roughly in Spanish to "Cosa Obra".

Rambling

I had quite a bit of feedback on my suggestions for consumption control over the last few holiday weeks. Gary Davey, who works with MADD (Mothers Against Drunk Driving), reminded me that being below the legal limit (of alcohol in your blood stream) does not guarantee a free ride. If the officer of the law who is assessing your abilities determines that you are impaired, it's going to be a long night waiting for the bails bondman to show up regardless of your test results. So until you have a driverless car, err on the side of sobriety.

On which topic, I have been seeing a lot of interesting articles about taking time off, from drinking - alcoholic beverages that is. In England, following an informal study by the staff of New Scientist, folks are experimenting with "dry January" to such an extent that retail sales have plummeted. Another report said that drinking at bars has gone up 60%. Overall reports suggest that too much alcohol is detrimental to, in particular, the liver. After reading all the various articles, and talking to my doctor, my goal is moderation. Where I might have had 3 glasses of wine, I will now be happy with two. And this will not mean I have bigger glasses! What kind of spectacle would that be?

The Rambler rambles on...

Cheers,

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