



O & B's Northern Spain Case

£123.96

2x Albariño 'Legado del Conde' 2009
2x Terra Minei, Treixadura 2008
2x Viña Migarrón, Blanco 2009
2x Dominio de Tares, 'Baltos' 2008
2x 'Abadía de Gomariz' 2007
2x Beronia, Rioja Rosado 2009

This exceptional selection of Spanish wines is the culmination of lots of travelling and tasting during the first four months of 2010. It includes three wines from Galicia, two from Castile-Leon and one from Rioja.

The white from Migarrón is a crowd pleasing and vivacious blend that, along with the delicious pink from Beronia, represent the wines most suited to everyday drinking.

Albariño is Galicia's best known varietal and for good reason. This peach and rock-pool scented delight is ideal with any grilled fish or squid. The Treixadura is my current favourite white because it oozes elegance and minerality and demonstrates the inherent quality achievable from this little known Iberian.

Sousón is the dominant variety in the wine from Gomariz and produces a red bursting with summer fruit and freshness.

Finally the Baltos is made from Mencia, a close relation of Cabernet Franc, exudes greater richness than the Abadía and is better suited to meatier dishes. Try with a slab of rump steak.



O & B's International Arrivals Case

£116.90

This case is an assortment of the serious in the form of the Orsetto Oro (Golden Bear) and the Baltazar, and the more frivolous but equally delicious Rosé and Vinho Verde. Colombette's new organic rosé has a small amount of sugar left in it, that produces a wine of intense lusciousness and drinkability and tastes nothing like the confected and often rather rank tasting 'off-dry' blush wines that find such favour with some.

2x Colombette, Rosé 2009 (Organic)
2x Monção, Vinho Verde 2009
2x Good Hope, Chenin Blanc 2009
2x Montepulciano 'Orsetto Oro' 2007
2x Shiraz 'Small Steps' 2008
2x Neffiez 'Baltazar' 2007

The Vinho Verde with its slight spritz and vivacity is crying out for a plate of grilled or barbecued sardines but also acts as the perfect aperitif. The Chenin and the Shiraz are classic examples of those varieties that have thrived in new locations far away from their spiritual homes. Good Hope always produce Chenin with great varietal character and Small Steps has more structure than many Aussie Shiraz', due to their desire to make proper wine not just fruit bombs.

The Orsetto Oro is oak aged and has significant complexity for the money. A real step up from our 'basic' Montepulciano but with the same moreish quality. Lastly the Baltazar is a deep and dense Syrah smelling of black olive tapenade, that cannot fail to put a big smile on the face of any wine-lover that appreciates a rare and veritable bargain.



O & B's Delicious Daily Drinking Case

£81.20

2x Banear, Pinot Grigio 2009
2x Mas des Lauriers, Sauvignon 2009
2x Beronia, Rioja Blanco 2009
2x Mas des Lauriers 'Rouge' 2009
2x Neffiez, Prince Noir 2009
2x Cabernet Sauvignon 2007

This case consists of some of our most popular wines such as the two offerings from Mas des Lauriers and the Pinot Grigio but all of them are uncomplicated enough to be enjoyed at any time whilst always remaining truly 'proper' wines.

The pinot grigio, sauvignon blanc and Rioja blanco are all delicious examples of their type. All are crisp and clean but more importantly have some real character which makes them suitable for drinking with, as well as without, food.

The Mas Rouge shows excellent quality at this price and is regularly consumed chez moi as it never disappoints. The Prince Noir, a blend of Syrah, Grenache and Carignan, the very essence of the Languedoc and the cassis scented cabernet, would both be delicious with a good steak.

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