



BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS MONTECASTRO

CASTRILLO DE DUERO
RIBERA DEL DUERO • CASTILE Y LEÓN

Montecastro is a young but landmark project in Ribera del Duero, founded by a group of Madrid professionals led by prominent publisher Alfonso de Salas, the Marqués de Montecastro y Llanahermosa. Modeled after the appellation's finest wine estates, Montecastro has succeeded from its inaugural release in creating wines with inspiring complexity and depth alongside pronounced regional authenticity.

Although the Montecastro estate includes 55 acres of high-altitude vineyards on chalky/stony soils in the heart of Ribera del Duero, the winery also contracts for mature Tempranillo parcels with five distinct soil types in different subregions of Ribera del Duero. These plots range from 8 to 100 years of age and are subjected to severe yield restriction. The varying elevation of these parcels (2150' to 3500') results in a multifaceted harvest essential for coaxing maximum complexity from mono-varietal Tempranillo. In each vintage, up to 21 distinct terroirs are fermented and aged separately, allowing for an assemblage that melds richness with subtlety and depth. Winemaking focus at Montecastro is upon fruit retention and soft, ripe tannins for sophisticated wines as complex in youth as they are fascinating in cellar development.

ALCONTE

Youthfully enthusiastic yet finely intense, Alconte is aged 11 months in French and American oak, compared to 18 months for Montecastro's 'grand vin'.

Tanzer's IWC on the 2007: (rating not yet published) "Saturated ruby, Sexy, oak-spiced aromas of black raspberry, cola, incense and violet. Sweet, expansive dark berry and cherry-vanilla flavors are sharpened by peppery spice and pick up a touch of licorice. Lush but lively, with very good finishing clarity and spicy persistence."

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Parker's Wine Advocate on the 2005: 93 points "Purple-colored, it has an alluring bouquet of wood smoke, toast, crushed stone, violets, black raspberry, and blackberry. This is followed by an opulent, full-flavored wine with gobs of spicy fruit, excellent integration of oak, tannin, and acidity, and 4-6 years of aging potential. It will be at its best between 2013 and 2025."

WS on the 2005: 93 points "This rich, expressive red delivers ripe, almost sweet, black currant and blackberry fruit. It has muscular tannins, but there's enough acidity for balance, as well as a vibrant floral and spice finish. Drink now through 2020."

Tanzer's IWC on the 2005: 92 points "Deep ruby. Powerfully scented nose offers raspberry, cherry, bitter chocolate, anise, suave baking spices and vanilla. Deep, highly intense red and dark berry flavors are complicated by candied licorice and cured meat. Finishes lively and precise, with good acid lift and youthful but integrated tannins. Seems even livelier than the outstanding 2004."

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