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**SPANISH
WINE**

2015 Torre de Ona by La Rioja Alta Reserva Finca Martelo- Rioja, Spain

Hailed as the star red variety in Spain's most celebrated wine region, Tempranillo from Rioja, or "Rioja," produces elegant wines with complex notes. Torre de Ona was forged in 1995, when La Rioja Alta, S.A. led this exciting project with the aim of making an excellent quality wine incorporating all the personality of the best vine plots in the prestigious Rioja Alavesa area. The release of this wine was an important milestone for Torre de Oña, where they look for the typicity of Rioja Alavesa through a blend of old-vine Tempranillo with 6% other varieties- Mazuelo, Garnacha and even white Viura. 2015 was a healthy harvest, and the wine shows a nice combination of power and elegance. It's clean and modern but with a traditional twist, some developed aromas and very fine chalky tannins from the limestone-rich soils. This wine is supple, polished and harmonious, and shows cherry, tea, vanilla, leafy and spicy notes, with modest and balanced tannins and acidity with focus and length. 94 PTS RP, 92 PTS WS

Pairings: The structure and elegance of the Finca Martelo 2015 makes it a perfect food companion. The long finish makes it perfect with braised and roasted meats, as well as game and cured sausages.

2018 Alto Moncayo Veraton Garnacha- Campo de Borja, Spain

Campo de Borja DO sits in the northwest province of Zaragoza (Aragon, Spain) south of Rioja and north of Cariñena. Since this area acquired DO status in the 1980s, it has gradually shown its own unique identity. Campo de Borja's winegrowing history and heritage is rich in relation to Garnacha; the oldest vineyards in the DO date back to 1890. Grenache thrives in any warm, Mediterranean climate where ample sunlight allows its clusters to achieve full phenolic ripeness. Grenache's birthplace is Spain where it is called Garnacha. Bodegas Alto Moncayo is a winery located in the Campo de Borja D.O. It was founded in 2002 with the aim of turning it into a world reference for Garnacha wines of the highest quality, crafted from some of the oldest native vine clones in the area. The Garnacha grape is one of the varieties that best expresses its terroir. Thus, the Garnacha of Alto Moncayo is different from the rest of the Campo de Borja D.O area. This is due to the very strict selection made from the vineyards, the type of soil in which it is grown, the microclimate, and the age of the vines. A 100% Garnacha with aromas of dark cherries, plums, raisins, sweet spices and cigar box. It's full-bodied with chewy tannins. Rich, ripe and velvety with a flavorful, spicy finish. 93 PTS Vinous, 92 PTS JS,

Pairings: This wine works best with roasted meats, lamb, good beef or steaks and all types of stews and casseroles, game, and even flavorful fish stews.