



### *Wine Class: Spain – A Study in Tempranillo*

Join me this **Thursday, May 24th at 7:00pm** here at **Cellar 13** for an exploration of the Tempranillo grape from Spain. We'll be focusing on the appellations of Rioja, Ribera del Duero, and Toro - the three principal fine wine regions for Tempranillo. We'll taste through a range of high quality examples to illustrate the difference (and commonalities) between the three regions and what you can expect when you buy from a particular area, and touch on winemaking techniques and aging, climate, and traditional vs. modern interpretations of the wines.

A few of the wines to be tasted include:

***Akutain 2016 Rioja - \$19.99***

***La Rioja Alta 2011 Rioja Reserva "Viña Alberdi" - \$22.99***

***Mattaromera 2011 Ribera del Duero Reserva - \$56.99***

***Lopez de Heredia 2005 Rioja Reserva "Viña Tondonia" - \$44.99***

***Macan 2013 Rioja Clasico - \$49.99***

***Bodegas Maurodos 2014 Toro "San Roman" - \$69.99***

***JC Vizcarra 2014 Ribera del Duero "Torralvo" - \$79.99***

A Spanish white and another red or two will be poured to round out the tasting. I personally selected all of these outstanding wines for their superior quality and ability to demonstrate key points in the discussion.

*This will be a seated tasting for 10 clients. Light fare will be served. Plan on two and half hours or so and a ride service is recommended. Cost for the event is \$50, payable upon arrival. You must RSVP and receive a confirmation to attend the event. Please reply to this email to reserve your seat.*

Cheers,

John Passman

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