And the search goes on

Toro Albala Vintage PX Tasting as reported by Philip J Kirk

The geographic centre of Andalucia is found in the south province of Cordoba. Here is the Denomination de Origen Montilla-Moriles, home of the grape Pedro Ximonez which makes the sweetest dessert wines on the planet.

All Sherry Bodegas buy in their PX from the Vineyards in Montilla-Moriles and here is the fundamental difference. Sherry Bodegas in and around Jerez mature their sherries in a system of casks known as a Solera. The casks are constantly topped up with the younger wines being blended in with the older wines. Solera's can consist of 100's of casks or as few as 30. The idea is to produce a homogeneous wine in the house style, whether the wines be sweet or dry.

The Wines of Toro Albala are all vintage wines, each unique and a one off, not aged in a solera system but in individual casks. This is the very essence of Toro Albala Wines and it was my great privilege to try vintages dating back to 1929 at a recent tasting in London, at the kind invitation of Carlos Read of Winetraders who are UK agents for Toro Albala. We sell the following two wines but can source older vintages on demand:

Don PX Dulce De Pasas 2012 37.5cl £15.49

Light Amber in colour, with aromas of fig. apricot and raisins. Rich and lush on the palate, guite velvety with a hint of the 10% Amontillado blended in. Serve chilled with either blue cheese or Vanilla Ice Cream. Not so good for weight watchers at 450g sugar per litre!

Don PX Gran Reserva 1986 37.5cl £22.45

Dark black with mahogany hints at the edges. Whiffs of old oak, super sweet figs. On the palate there is a slight floral note with prunes and a suggestion of liquorice. A good match with dark chocolate and mocha ice cream. Decidedly decadent!

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WINTER 2015

MARTINEZ WINES 'A Pleasurable Experience'

I think I can assume that most of you reading this appreciate that Martinez has a great range of interesting & complex wine. I hope that you also agree that we offer expert advice, food pairing and a great in shop experience.

So with that being said, this winter I would like to focus on simply pleasurable wines. Wines that are easy drinking without food, whites that are soft non-acidic and fruity, reds that are smooth and warming.

When you buy your wines from the supermarket which I know vou all do! You take it home, drink that bottle which was apparently half price do you find yourself disappointed? Do you think to vourself "that wasn't bad for the money" Are you really happy with settling for something that is ok? At Martinez we want you to drink wines that make you say "wow

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Each Pleasure wine will also be highlighted in more detail on our facebook page & Twitter, one a day starting from December 1st. So feel free to follow us.

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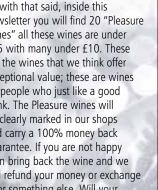
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