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My painting is an expression of my own self. Influenced by what I perceive in my surroundings, I express feelings thru colors, shapes and textures using different techniques. I am constantly dealing with different techniques and materials in the search for new visual sensations. My painting has been a search for an interrelation between my way of expressing the concept of plastic art and the interpretation of the viewer, because for me, those who appreciate my work are the ones giving to my art the last brush-stroke!

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NIDO DE AGUILA - ARMONIA

Maipo Valley, Chile

70% Cabernet Sauvignon, 15% Merlot, 15% Cabernet Franc

Handpicked into small bins to avoid crushing in the vineyard and hand sorted at the winery before crushing. All grapes completed malolactic fermentation in barrels.

Armonía has rich aromas of fig, dried currant, cherry, leather, and tobacco spice. The complex palate follows the



MOMENT D'EXCEPTION

LAUDUN CÔTES DU RHÔNE VILLAGES. (FRANCE)

40% Syrah – 60% Grenache.

Tasting: the eye: ruby intensive brown robe; the nose: subtle aromas of red fruits, spices (pepper) and liquorice; in mouth: fine, intensive with melted tannins. .

Moment d'Exception won for the vintage 2003 a bronze medal at the Paris Wine Challenge 2004. For the vintage 2004 won a silver medal at Paris Wine Challenge 2005 and silver medal at Vinalies Wine Challenge 2005.



LOUIS MOUSSET— PRESTIGE CHATEAUNEUF-DU-PAPE

(Southern Rhone Valley, France)

In the heart of the Southern Rhone Valley, Chateauf-neuf-du-Pape is one of the most prestigious appellations. It became famous when the Popes decided in the XIII Century to establish their summer residences in the village. They were the first to develop the vineyard and turn it into a thriving business.

Grape Varieties: They are very ancient and rich since 13 official varieties are allowed: Grenach, Syrah, Mourvedre, Cinsault, Bourboulenc and the commonest: Picpoul, Muscadin, Terret noir, Counoise, Vaccarese, Picardan, Clairette and Roussanne otherwise.

This vineyard produces very typical red wines full of character, racy, well-balanced, with persistent aromas of spices and red fruit, long in the mouth, with a beautiful, bright ruby color.



SEÑORÍO DE VILLARRICA—CRIANZA

RIOJA (SPAIN)
TEMPRANILLO 100%

Shows brilliant tones rubies and plum. Intense aromas of red fruits. Raspberry, defaults and acid strawberry join with elegant mochas and candy of a few toasts of maximum honesty.

Power, balance and roundness in mouth with high persistence that they lengthen his life during the next 6-8 years.



CASTILLO DE MONTBLANC

Catalonia, (Spain)

70% Viura, 30% Chardonnay

Vinification: Temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks, followed by long maceration of the juice together with the skins for between 15 to 20 day in order to obtain maximum color and good tannins. Following maceration, the wine went through malolatic which softened the aromas of the wine.



CASTILLO DE MONTBLAC

Catalonia, (Spain)

85% Tempranillo, 15% Cabernet Sauvignon

Intense ruby red. Very rich fruit aromas reminiscent of red berries like raspberries with a balsamic hint and vanilla characters from the oak ageing. Soft and balanced in the mouth with good tannins. It is medium bodied. Good after taste, Drink preferable with red meats, roasts, meat pies.

CYAN PRESTIGIO



Toro (Spain)

Cyan Prestigio retains the power of Toro wines, but it has the elegance that Matarromera includes in all its wines.

It has a dark cherry red color, and It is very intense, bright and clean. It has powerful aromas of black fruit and fine touches of toasty oak. On the palate it is fleshy, with ripe tannins and perfect fruit -barrel assembly.



American Airlines chooses this wine from Group Matarromera for the passengers travelling in First Class and Business Class.



Ribera Del Duero, It is a Denominación de Origen (DO) located in the country's northern plateau and is one of nine wine regions within the autonomous community of Castile and Leon. It is also one of several recognized wine-producing regions to be found along the course of the Duero river.

PROTOS CRIANZA 2006

Ribera Del Duero, (Spain)
100% Tempranillo

The waiting period to enjoy this wine is 24 months. 12 months in American and French oak barrel and another 12 in its own bottle.

Bigarreau cherry red with purple overtones. A bouquet of ripe fruit aromas with toasted oak notes. The taste reminds you of a hundred things, but what is most incredible is the sensation it leaves in the mouth.

Protos Crianza 2006 has been awarded Great Gold Medal and chosen the best wine in this category at the Concours Mondial de Bruxelles. (The best red wine selected from the 6289 wines from 54 producing countries competed in 2009)



VALSOTILLO RESERVA 1999



Ribera Del Duero, (Spain)
100% Tempranillo.

Alcoholic and malolactic fermentations are made in stainless steel tanks at controlled temperature. *Ageing*: This wine has stayed in American Oak Barrels during twenty-four months in an underground cellar with constant temperature. The wine is bottled and stands in silence in the underground cellar for a minimum a year before selling it.



Bordeaux

The name Bordeaux derives from *Au bord de l'eau*, Meaning along the waters. Bordeaux, the word alone fires the mind with the anticipation of greatness. No other wine region is more powerful, more commercially clever, or more important as a source of profoundly complex, age worthy wines. Bordeaux lies along the path of three important rivers; the mighty Gironde, plus two rivers that feed it, the Dordogne and the Garonne. Serious wine-making began in Bordeaux with the Romans, whose contribution can be seen in archeological remains-and on the labels of wines such as Chateau Ausone, named after the poet Ausonius who was born in St. Emilion. When Henry II of England married Eleanor of Aquitaine, and Bordeaux became for 300 years what in sometimes still seems to be –a part of the British Isles. Richard Coeur de Lion regularly drank wine from Bordeaux and, under King John; the region's merchants were encouraged to send their barrels to England by an exemption from export tax. Much of that “Bordeaux” was actually produced nowhere near the city whose name it bore. At that time, Bordeaux was an internationally famous sea-port; its name was far more saleable than, say, that of a wine such as Cahors which produced a long cart-ride inland.

Today Bordeaux is the largest and most successful wine-growing region in France. It is a symbol and model for the whole world of wine. Bordeaux is divided into multiple smaller sub-regions and smaller appellations. Generally speaking the smaller the appellation; the finer the wine. In the finer wines the appellation is what appears on the label as apposed to the label saying it is from Bordeaux. Neither the sub-region nor the region of Bordeaux appears in the finer wines label. Labels marked under regional appellation -Bordeaux or Bordeaux Supérieur- indicates that a wine came from the most basic appellations areas, they are usually wines that meet certain baseline requirements.

The elite wines, which have established the fame of the Bordeaux region, have labels marked under **Appellation d'Origine Contrôlée (AOC)**. This means the wine comes from the Appellation where the label says it does, and is made from the approved grapes and viticultural practices (AOC Saint-Émilion, AOC Pessac-Leognan, AOC Pauillac AOC Margaux and AOC Pomerol).

CHÂTEAU LA GRASIDE

100% Semillon, (Bordeaux , France)

Grape Variety more than 40 years

old.Wine-Making Techniques and Wine Charac-

teristics: Fermented, made and matured in

casks. It is not a very dry wine, because the

grapes are harvested when fully ripe. Being a varietal, it is round and full

of fruit, very pleasant to drink young, when served cool, but not chilled





CHÂTEAU LE CASTELET

POMEROL (Bordeaux , France)

The Vineyard: One hectare of Merlot, of four different clones, are planted on sandy gravel soil. Already it has been interesting to see how each different type reacts and research here is helping with replanting at other vineyards belonging to the Robin Family.

CHÂTEAU MOUTON ROTHSCHILD

With the Liberation of France, to celebrate the return of the peace and to mark a new beginning, Baron Philippe conceived the idea of dedicating the vintage of 1945, one of the greatest of the century, to 'Année de la Victoire, the year of the Victory. He commissioned the young painter Philippe Jullian to produce a graphic design based on the "V" sign made famous by Winston Churchill during the war.

That exception became the rule, and from 1946 on a contemporary artist was commissioned every year to create an original work to illustrate the label. The relationship between the artists and the owners of Mouton has always been based on friendship and trust. But also on mutual independence. Every artist is at liberty, following his own inspiration, to interpret the themes of the vine, the pleasure of drinking or the symbol of the Ram. Mouton is equally at liberty to reject a work if they consider it is not what they want or if it fails to fit the specific limitations of the label. The artists are paid no money for their work, but given instead a certain number of cases of wine of two different years, obviously including the year they provided the label.



Since Baron Philippe's death in 1988, Philippine, the Baron's only daughter, has become wholly involved in Mouton and the family firm. It has become her responsibility to choose the painter to illustrate the Mouton Rothschild label

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