

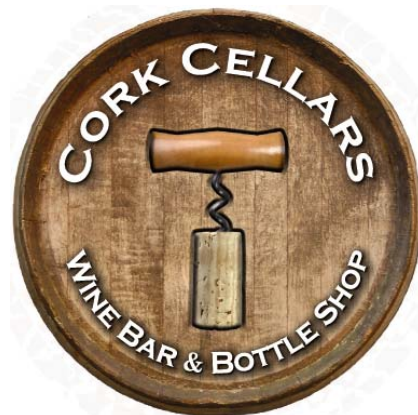
# Big Bang Club Newsletter

## August 2007

*Wine by the River*

*October 6 & 7, 2007*

*Les Schwab Amphitheater in Bend, OR*



Visit us this year at Wine by the River, an event that benefits the children in the Hospice Center of Central Oregon. This third annual event is one of the premier wine events of Central Oregon, and will feature 33 Italian wineries, as well as other Northwest wines & wines from around the world. The purpose of this event is to bring awareness to the growing end-of-life needs for children in Central Oregon. Sample wines and learn about Wine Storage options and Custom Wine Cellars at our booth: Oregon Vineyard Selection. As always, enjoy your selection this month.

Cheers, Emily and Mark Pelletier

*More info & tickets: [www.winebytheriver.com](http://www.winebytheriver.com)*

**DELIVERY/PICK UP DATE FOR NEXT MONTH!**

**Friday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

### Muruve Crianza - \$10 Castilla y Leon (Toro), Spain

**A note about Spanish Wine:** More expensive Spanish wines often say 'crianza', 'reserva' or 'gran reserva' on the front of the bottle. Nothing to do with the quality of the wine, it refers to the amount of time the wine has spent in oak barrels. Crianza requires one year in bottle,

Reserva is two years with at least one year in oak (usually one year in bottle), and finally, Gran Reserva is at least two years in oak and one in the bottle.

**About Toro:** Our wine club selection is from Toro, Spain, which is northwest of Madrid. The main grape grown in Toro is "Tinta de Toro", a synonym of Tempranillo. Most of Toro's vineyards are planted at 600 to 750 meters above sea level where the climate is sunny and dry. The vineyards are dry farmed, not irrigated, and the soils around Toro are well-drained and often sandy. Whereas once the wines were produced as dry table wines, the region is growing in popularity and technology has improved the wine making process.

**Tasting Notes:** 100% Tinta de Toro. This dry red wine spends 12-14 months in oak, and is rich, meaty and a powerful red wine for the price. On the nose you'll find black cherry, toasty oak, and concentrated ripe blackcurrants and black cherries. On the palate it is rich with ripe blackcurrant and black cherry flavors, hints of the 'tarry' licorice, and a long finish with bittersweet chocolate flavors.



# 2005 Raimat Chardonnay - \$10

## Costers del Segre, Spain

**History of Raimat:** In 1914, Manuel Raventós purchased 3,500 hectares of wasteland in Lérida. At that time today's thriving Raimat estate was a stony, desolate wilderness with a ruined castle and it was difficult to believe that the land could be productive. The construction of the Aragon and Catalonia canal in 1910, however, increased the area under irrigation and made the Segrià district fertile. In the early years extensive areas of poplars were planted to improve the arid soil. Other types of tree were also planted, until in the decade of the 30s the number of trees planted at Raimat exceeded one million. In the 60's, the first wine grapes were planted, and the great Raimat vine-growing revolution began. Now, Raimat is one of the world's leading centres for vine and oenological research, and one of the largest wine producers in Spain.



**Tasting Notes:** Pale yellow straw color. Dry. Intense aromas of peach, honey and exotic fruits. Very well balanced: a perfect integration of the exotic fruits and acidity. Long, fine and persistent.

Looking for a particular wine? Call and order from Cork Cellars and have it delivered with your wine club selections! Great prices, great service – always fun!

## Tasting Notes

**Muruve Crianza**  
Toro, Spain

**2005 Raimat Chardonnay**  
Costers del Segre, Spain

Nose:

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Taste:

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When/Where Served:

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Food with wine:

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Comments:

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### Previous Wine Club Selections

**JUNE 2007**  
**Trumpeter Malbec**  
**SOLD OUT**

**Kloster Pinot Grigio**  
\$10/bottle  
6 or more: \$9/bottle  
12 or more: \$8/bottle

**JULY 2007**  
**Rosa del Golfo Scaliere**  
\$10/bottle  
6 or more: \$9/bottle

**Stevenot Verdelho**  
*Very limited*  
\$10/bottle  
6 or more: \$9/bottle  
12 or more: \$8/bottle

**CORK CELLARS DISCOUNT POLICY**

#### **10% TUESDAYS**

Receive 10% OFF 3 or more bottles of wine every Tuesday (in store only)

#### **10% OFF**

Always receive 10% OFF 6 bottles or more bottles of wine (mixed okay)

#### **10% OVER COST**

Receive 10% over cost on full case orders (no mixed)