



Cynthia Hurley French Wines Partners with Ignacio (Nacho) Alvarez to Launch Spanish Portfolio

West Newton, MA – June 12, 2019 – Cynthia Hurley French Wines, a boutique importer of Fine Wines, is pleased to announce that it is launching a Spanish wine portfolio. In partnership with world-renowned winemaker, Ignacio Alvarez, three wineries will create the foundation of the Spanish book. This trio of family-owned Bodegas from France's southern neighbor have been selected because of their commitment to craft unique and appellation specific wines.

Ignacio Alvarez, affectionately known as Nacho, leads Spain's winemaking tradition and has been part of the Spanish wine industry renaissance over the past two decades. Nacho came to prominence with his profound Mencia and silky Godello wines. He works with indigenous Spanish grape varieties, using only traditional means of viticulture to produce award-winning wines.

This partnership is the result of Craig Gandolf, National Sales Director, joining Cynthia Hurley Wines. Craig spent two decades as director of the leading U.S. Spanish wine importer where he worked with Nacho's wines. Craig's knowledge of Spain's regions, producers, and wines, has made it possible for Cynthia Hurley Wines to expand into Spain.

"We are fortunate to have the opportunity to collaborate with such an enthusiastic and genuinely talented winemaker. Nacho's wines will be a welcome addition to our portfolio. These new projects are the result of a talented winemaker, extraordinary terroir, and committed families. I've worked with Nacho over the past ten years and look forward to another decade."— Craig Gandolf, National Sales Director

Bodega Pagos de los Abuelos is Nacho's personal project in D.O. Bierzo. Nacho is making wines from his own vineyards that are on the original rootstock planted by his great-grandfather in the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The steep hillside slopes contain slate and decomposed granite soils. The vineyard is mix-varietal planted, requiring all work to be completed manually, as each grape type has a different harvest time.

Nacho is also the winemaker for Adegas Moure, a family producer of the extraordinary Abadia da Cova wines. Located on the "heroic" sloped granitic terraces in D.O. Ribeira Sacra, all the vineyard work is done by hand. The wines are made using the least possible intervention, both respecting and protecting the environment. Indigenous grape varieties are the main focus at Abadia da Cova with Roses made from Caino, Merenzao, and Mencia.

At Bodegas Gancedo, D.O. Bierzo, Nacho is redefining the standard of excellence for the varietal Godello. Grapes are harvested from 60- to 100-year-old vines in five different parcels on the estate. The aim is to become the leader of quality Godello production in Spain.

There will be more announcements in the coming weeks as projects come to fruition in D.O. Conca de Barbera, D.O. Penedes, D.O. Priorat, D.O. Rias Baixas, D.O. Ribera del Duero, and D.O. Rioja.

Cynthia Hurley French Wines is the exclusive United States importer of the following wines with its network of distributors that will arrive on a rolling basis beginning in June:

From Adegas Moure, Abadia da Cova, D.O. Ribeira Sacra: A Fuga White, A Fuga Mencia, and Caiño Rose, Mencia Rose, and Meranzao Rose.

From Bodega Pago de los Abuelos, D.O. Bierzo: Vinas Centarias Rosado, Vinas Centarias Godello, and Vinas Centarias Mencia; Vinedo Barreiras 1890 Godello, and Vinedo Barreiras 1890 Mencia.

From Bodegas Gancedo, D.O. Bierzo: Godello and Mencia.

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About Cynthia Hurley French Wines

For more than twenty-five years Cynthia Hurley French Wines has been importing exceptional wines from nearly every major wine region in France, and now, Spain. All Selections are artisanal and terroir driven from independent growers who use minimal to no intervention to create outstanding, appellation true wines. For more information, please visit www.cynthiahurley.com.