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Outstanding scores for Bodegas Montecillo's wines in latest report by James Suckling

We are proud to share with you our latest ratings given by James Suckling, considered one of the most influential wine critics in the world by the magazine Forbes. This recognition confirms once again Bodegas Montecillo, the third oldest winery in La Rioja, as an expert producer of wines for long ageing and its deep commitment to quality and innovation.

James Suckling, has just published his Spanish wine ranking for 2017. On a scale of 100, Suckling only values over 90 points those wines that he considers exceptional. Thus, **three wines from Bodegas Montecillo have obtained ratings above 90 points.** Among these excellent valuations is the new **Montecillo Reserva 2011, with 92 Points.** A classic Rioja wine that surprises by its complexity, its aromas of black fruit, mineral notes granite and black tea, its body and velvety tannins. While **Montecillo Rosé 2016 and Montecillo Limited Edition 2010** have been rated with **90 Points.**





Following his recent visit to Spain, James Suckling published last July his report entitled "**The alluring freshness of Spain**", which summarizes the technical **tasting of more than 1,200** references from our country. Wines that have surprised this important critic who remarked: "**Considering Spain's warm and dry climate, it was thrilling to see how a majority of the wines were so fresh and subtle.... This is the result of a major reorientation in picking dates (earlier than before) and cellar techniques (less extraction, less oak)**".

About James Suckling

James Suckling, 58, is one of today's **leading wine critics whose reviews are read and respected by wine lovers, collectors, and wine trade worldwide**. He is a resident of Hong Kong and is also the wine editor for Asia Tatler and its nine luxury magazines in the region, including Hong Kong Tatler, China Tatler, Singapore Tatler, and Thailand Tatler.

Suckling spent nearly 30 years as **Senior Editor and European Bureau Chief of The Wine Spectator**, and as European Editor of Cigar Aficionado. On his departure from the magazines, Forbes called the Los Angeles-born writer "**one of the world's most powerful wine critics.**"

In late 2010, Suckling launched **JamesSuckling.com**, a site that evolved from him seeing a need for wine to be communicated in a more modern way. The site offers subscribers high-definition video content that reports on and rates the best wines from around the world, with a focus on Italy, Bordeaux, Spain, Chile, Argentina, Napa Valley, Australia and New Zealand as well as Napa Valley. Interviews conducted in vineyards and in cellars with winemakers give viewers a firsthand account of the wines and allow for a more spontaneous style. The site attracts viewers from more than 110 countries, with the largest audiences in North America, Hong Kong, Thailand, the United Kingdom, Australia, Italy, and France.

About Bodegas Montecillo

Montecillo is the third-oldest bodega in Rioja, the very first wine region in Spain to obtain the status of Qualified Denomination of Origin.

Ever since its establishment in 1874, Montecillo has crafted exceptional quality wines with personality of their own. The combination of state-of-the-art premises, designed to craft age-worthy wines, with the selection of the very best raw materials, underpin the quality of the Montecillo wine range.

To achieve the perfect balance, all wines age in handcrafted French and/or American oak of the highest quality. Bottle-aging follows an ancient artisanal method, where hundreds of thousands of bottles are carefully piled by hand with unequalled precision and stability to then rest undisturbed, surrounded by the darkness and calm of the underground cellar – the exact same way it has been done for the past 140 years.

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