

*GAUCÍN: Balcony of the Ronda Mountains where the Holy Child appeared to St. John of God.
The illustrious, always noble, very hospitable village of Gaucín.*

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23/08/2008 Article: "Winetasting of Viñedos y Bodegas Cezar SL of Gaucín last night at Casa Antonia"



The new wines from the Gaucín vineyards, Bodegas Cezar SL, Finca Buena Vista in the Carr. de Colmenar, were presented yesterday evening at Casa Antonia. The oenologist, D. Manuel Cózar Cabañas, and the owners, Sres. Richard y Inga Enkvist, were present. Everyone enjoyed an excellent performance of flamenco.

The vineyards Cezar are the pride of Gaucín. The Sres. Enkvist began planning and building in 2004, and are now producing fine delicate wines with the most up to date machinery and methods. Why they chose to build in Gaucín is best told in Mr. Enkvist's words:

"Up in the Ronda Mountains that lie some miles up from the hot sun-drenched coast, wine has been made since the Roman era. Probably not distinguished wines, but mostly for local consumption. The hot climate makes it difficult to make wines with finesses and elegance. When I found my vineyard 650 metres above sea level and investigated the microclimate as well as the geological conditions, I became more and more convinced that, with the aid of modern technology and an able oenologist, it would be possible to achieve a result far above what was the norm for the district.

I suspect that there were many who, to begin with, looked upon me as "El Sueco Loco". The first vine section was planted in 1998 on a west-facing slope in Sierra de la Bota in the Ronda Mountains.

To change direction and do something entirely different is something that many of us dream of doing. To build your own bodega up from nothing is, perhaps, not the easiest of undertakings, but I am hard pressed to think of anything more stimulating.

Choosing Tempranillo went without saying. There are few grapes that display such diversity and complexity. In addition it withstands the heat well as well as the cold winters up there in the mountains. But what, initially, was the crucial factor is that, for me, the Tempranillo is the Spanish grape with a capital G and that is at home here.

See the web site: www.enkvistwines.com