

Week of 02-03-09

Red Bag Clues:

Senor, you are strong with an air of elegance...you're suave, even classy. You're their greatest star, but establishing your celebrity abroad has been a humbling experience. In America they know little of your legendary performances across the Iberian Peninsula. They call you Valdepenas, treating you like some lowly stage hand, good only for a few menial tasks. But finally, auditions for a new Latin lead on the prestigious viticultural stages of California are underway! This is it!...your opportunity to dazzle America may finally be at hand.*

Grape?

The wines are ruby red in color, with aromas and flavors of berries, plum, tobacco, vanilla, leather and herb.

Once thought to be a relative to Pinot Noir

This grape dislikes hot, dry climate.

A white mutation of this grape was discovered in 1988. They are 97.8% genetically the same grape. Wine from the white version were first bottled in 2005 from a hectare of grapes planted in 2000.

Used by a neighboring country to make Port.

I like this--“Think of this grape as the backup singer who is finally given a chance at a solo, and makes everybody stand up and take notice. For wine drinkers, this wine can sing!”**

Need extra help? Here are some of the [alternative names](#).

Region?

Native to this country.

Referred to as a noble grape here.

Translation of the word refers to early.

Mention of this grape from this region dates back to the 13th century.

Producer?

60-120 Year old vines produce this grape.

They oak only 15% of the grapes.

Year?

Evidence of Atlantis was found this year in this country.

Train bombing in March.

Answer – ???

Aventino Ribera Del Duero 2004 Tempranillo

Tinta del Pais (the local name for Tempranillo)

<http://www.aventinowines.com/wines/aventino.html>

<http://wine.appellationamerica.com/grape-varieta/tempranillo-|-valdepenas.html>

**<http://archive.supermarketguru.com/page.cfm/194>

