

Week of 05-22-07

White Bag Clues: **Serve in a White Stem**

Grape -

- Low yielding, high quality white wine grape.
- Reputed to be a relative of German Riesling
- Considered to be the most respected wine from this country and region.
- Grapes are inordinately thick-skinned, and so yield a very small amount of juice.
- May have been brought by monks to the region as far back as the 12th century
- Rarely cultivated anywhere other than the two countries where it is an established varietal.
- Highly prized and priced in both countries where it is regularly cultivated.
- Grapes produce creamy, rich wines with complex flavors of apricot, peach, and citrus.

Where is it from?

- The vineyard land in this country is extremely arid.
- More vineyard acreage than any other country, but not the top producer.
- Antiquated vinicultural practices contribute to the lack of production.
- Due to old style wine production techniques, wines from this country have been less than popular. However, with newer technology and techniques this has quickly changed.

Producer –

- Named after a 13th century Galician troubadour. His music and poetry spoke to the inherent beauty of the Spanish countryside and coast.
- A group of small producers who have banded together to make wine.

Answer – Martin Códax Albariño 2006 Rias Baixas