

Week of 11-06-07

Red Bag Clues:

Grape –

2nd most grown grape in its native land.

Prefers warmer growing regions.

Typically high in alcohol and tannin making it a good candidate for blending.

Known by another name in most of the world, but we want the name that this region is known for.

Appears to be some DNA debate of what this grape really is...

* What are little kids afraid of that live in the closet? The name of this grape sounds like that, not exactly, but it's a good basis to work from.

Region –

This country has the most land to vine ratio in the world

Native to this country and known by a particular name there.

The region this bottling is from is little-known and relatively new.

There are 53 distinct growing regions in this country.

Recent years have seen dramatic improvement due to large investment into the art of wine making.

This region has a castle and a fortress that share the same hill and the same name as the region.

Producer –

The brand this bottling is sold under is based on the last clue.

Founded in 1917 by the father of the present owner.

First in the region to bottle wine in 1936.

Exports 85% of its production, mostly to northern Europe.

Every bottling they produce contains at least half of the grape in question.

(* The, I NEED HELP clue)

Your Best Guess - ???

"Frankly this impressive red is too big, rich and structured for a wine in this category....this wine must be tasted to be believed!" Robert Parker Rated 89

According to Robert Parker: "The 100% Mourvedre is a value-priced cuvees. Aged in large French oak barrels for 6-8 months, and bottled unfiltered, both reveal deep ruby/purple colors, sweet tannin, and hints of earth, charcoal, blueberries, black raspberries, and cherries. With delicious textures as well as purity, they will provide delightful drinking over the next 3-4 years." (08/06)

[Read more about Jumilla Castle](#) – Good stuff!

Bodegas Bleda “Castillo de Jumilla” 2005 Monastrell Jumilla DO