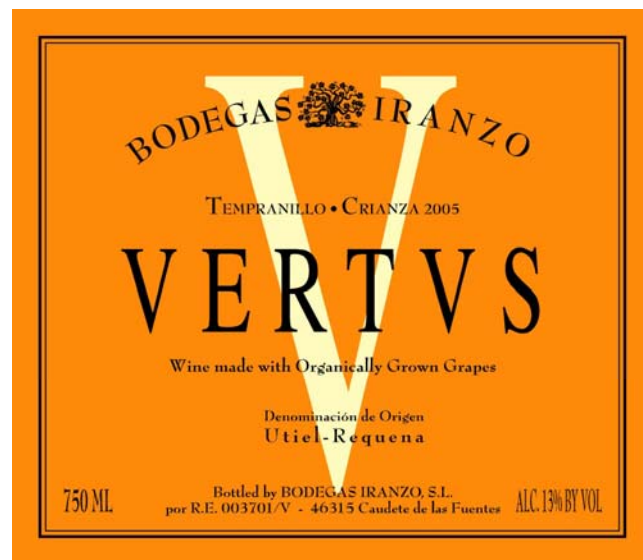


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SCENTED STOCKING STUFFERS
Slip these Pacifica Solid Perfumes into a stocking for instant points. Along with the holiday aromas of fresh pine, baked cookies and gingerbread, the company offers a batch of nature-inspired fragrances. Five new perfumes, in varieties like Avalon Juniper, Tibetan Mountain Temple and Mexican Cocoa come in small recyclable tins and brightly colored post-consumer packaging. The perfume itself resembles a small candle and is made from a base of vegan soy and coconut wax. Enticing combinations of clove, sweet orange and black pepper make for a spicy winter escape.
CONTACT: Pacifica Perfumes, (503) 221-2466, www.pacificacandles.com. —A.P.

THE WINE LIST
Organic wines are now available in every variety and style for comparable cost to their chemically produced counterparts. Bossett Family Estates breaks all the barriers with its **Yellow Jersey** wine. It's a warm, light Pinot Noir from France in a recyclable plastic bottle. The 100% recycled PET bottle (polyethylene terephthalate, the same material in fleece) has half the carbon footprint of regular bottles and blocks both oxygen and UV light for better-tasting wine. From Bodegas Iranzo comes a selection of organic Spanish wines that are affordable and distinctive. The **Vertvs Tempranillo** has a robust, old-world flavor while the **Tarantans Tempranillo-Cabernet** is flavorful and sweet, a perfect complement to a holiday meal.
CONTACTS: Bodegas Iranzo, www.bodegairanzo.com; Bossett Family Estates, www.bossettfamilyestates.com. —Brita Bell

GET YOUR RESIN ON
Reusable water bottles and recycled bags aren't the only ways to get plastic out of landfills—now you can un-plastic your jewelry, too. **everybodygreen.com** offers charm bracelets made with corn starch-based resin, natural herbal tea dye and recycled brass. Already spotted on the wrists of celebrities like Zach Braff, the pastel No Plastic bracelet for \$10 and accompanying Crystal Long Trio Necklace for \$18 are perfect quick gift ideas, and the website donates proceeds to environmental groups.
CONTACT: everybodygreen.com, (212) 792-8360, www.everybodygreen.com. —A.P.

rich earth tones are a welcome departure from primary-colored plastic fare. The selection of pull toys, rattles and stackers includes the adorable Cubby Color Stacker (\$22). **Hazelnut Kids** carries only natural toys and products. The Kallisto organic cotton bunny is stuffed with wool and hand-sewn in Germany. At \$60.90, it's a little pricey at the outset but is destined to be a favorite naptime companion. The wooden camera from North Star Toys will provide lots of fun for your toddler shutterbug-to-be (\$22.90). They even offer a gift-wrapping service using recycled and recyclable paper. And take a sneak peek at what's to come from the new **I Love My Planet Toys**. First out of the (100% recycled cardboard) box are **Planet Poles**—three different 13-inch plush dolls, each with her own environmentally themed biography (and sassy organic cotton outfit and wings), that will be available at both retailers and e-tailers in time for the holidays (\$24.99). CONTACTS: Earthentree, www.earthentree.com; Hazelnut Kids, www.hazelnutkids.com; I Love My Planet Toys, www.ilovemypianettoys.com; Oompa Toys, www.oompa.com. —Jessica Rae Patton



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The OWJ staff spent an afternoon enjoying our wines, and here are their tasting notes.

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Tasting Notes – Selections From Natural Merchants

By Adam Morganstern - Sep 24, 2008

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Bodegas Iranzo Vertvs Tempranillo Crianza 2004

Bodegas Iranzo produces the Oldest Estate Bottled Wines in Spain. The first recorded written evidence of the vineyard estate Cañada Honda owned by the Iranzo Perez-Duque family dates back to 1335 as granted by King Pedro I of Castilla. They have been making wine exclusively from organic grapes since 1994.

Berry currants and raspberries in the nose; not the typical leather you'd expect from Tempranillo. More fruit, less earth. Tart taste with red currant and nice balance of acid and tannins. This would go great with a meat with a lot of fat, like duck with cherry sauce.



[Organic.org](https://www.organic.org)

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Bodegas Iranzo Spanish Organic Wines

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Cabernet sauvignons past & present, and the foods we love to eat with them



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There's a memorable story in Cervantes' *Don Quixote*, told by the faithful Sancho Panza, of the great wine judges in his lineage; particularly, two on his father's side who were once challenged to identify a wine from a barrel. The first one brought the wine to the tip of his tongue, and declared the flavor of iron. The second one just needed to pass it under his nose before declaring a stronger flavor of cordovan leather. The owner of the wine protested, however, saying his wine was perfectly clean, with no trace of iron or leather. Days later, though, after the wine was sold and the barrel emptied, cellarers found a small iron key at the bottom of the barrel, hanging by a thong of leather.

The story of these men from La Mancha took place at the start of the 1600s, during the same period of time Cervantes wrote his epic tale. Sometimes we forget how old the fine arts – like literature, wine judging, and great winemaking – really are.



There are written records from the court of King Pedro I of Castilla in Spain, for instance, dating [Bodegas Iranzo](#) back to 1335. Evidently, the family of Iranzo Perez-Duque is still going strong after over six hundred years, as our organic wine of the day – Bodegas Iranzo's 2003 **Vertvs Tempranillo Crianza** (about \$14) – is as bright, rose petal fresh, raisiny ripe and round as any red wine in the world. Doing justice to the Spanish connoisseurs of olde, Doug Ernst MWMMS goes further by describing it as "layered and



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And while we grill, we'll chill with superb organic wines from Natural Merchants, available at Whole Foods. Their Spanish whites from the Bodegas Iranzo...

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Just in case we really are what we eat, we'd rather eat a chicken that had a fowl, not fowl, life. So our mixed grill will serve humanely raised poultry and meat, and pesticide-free veggies this summer. And while we grill, we'll chill with superb organic wines from Natural Merchants, available at Whole Foods. Their golden, fruity pino grigio restores honor to the name; it's made by the Pizzolato family in Treviso. Their Spanish whites from the Bodegas Iranzo vineyards, founded in 1335, are light and sparkly, just the ticket for watching fireworks. And check at your farmers market or look here for organic wines made in your own region. For green grilling foods, read on.

Choose cutlets from a fowl who's led a natural, unconfined, beaks-on life, and meat from cattle who not only knew what grass is, but spent most of their lives on pasture. We don't want any products from animals who've been dosed with antibiotics, overuse of which is leading to the rise of antibiotic-resistant bacteria. And we do want the freshest in-season vegetables, free of pesticide

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Nearly 250 different chemicals have been identified in the making of conventional wines—chemicals that are not only present in the wine itself, but also affect the soil, vines and the environment as a whole.



Green to the Last Bite...of Natural Merchant's Wines

Becki's Wooden Spoon

This week, I got to sample some fine organic wine selections from Natural Merchants. Natural Merchants imports fine organic and natural foods directly from Europe...VERTVS Tempranillo Crianza.

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Green to the last bite... of Natural Merchants wines.

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The VERTVS Tempranillo Crianza comes from an elite Spanish winery, Bodegas Iranzo, that uses vineyards dating back to 1355-old vines that certainly remember the days when everything was organic.

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The Drink

Natural Merchants Organic Wines

The Price

\$15 for VERTVS Tempranillo Crianza 2003

\$13 for Agrinatura Puglia Chardonnay

The Score



for VERTVS Tempranillo Crianza

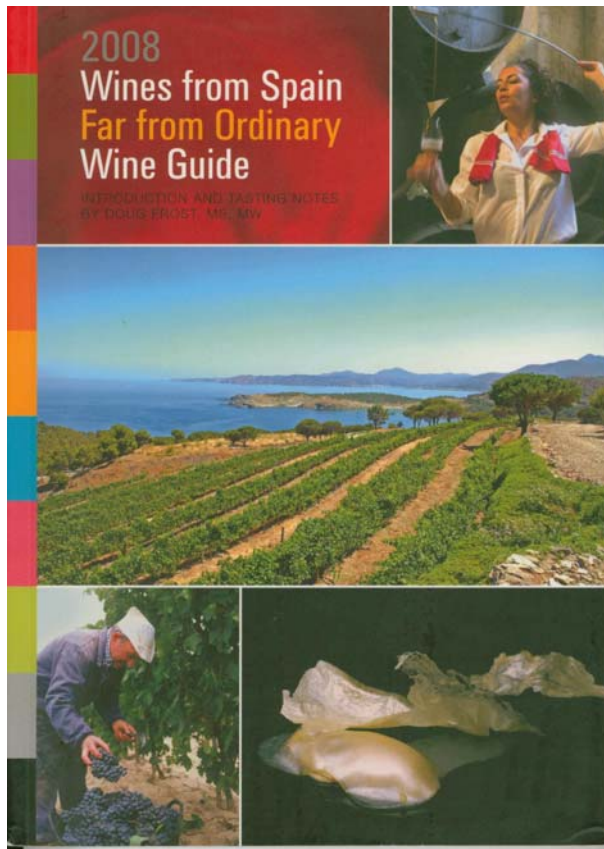


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[VERTVS Tempranillo Crianza](#) was listed as the only USDA NOP Organic Certified wine mentioned in the [2008 Wines From Spain-Far from Ordinary Wine Guide](#).



Vertvs 2003

Winery: Bodegas Iranzo S.L.

Region: D.O. Utiel-Requena

Type of Wine: Red

Grape Composition: 100% Tempranillo

Aging and Type of Oak: Aged for 6 months in American and French oak casks

Annual Production (in bottles): 80,000

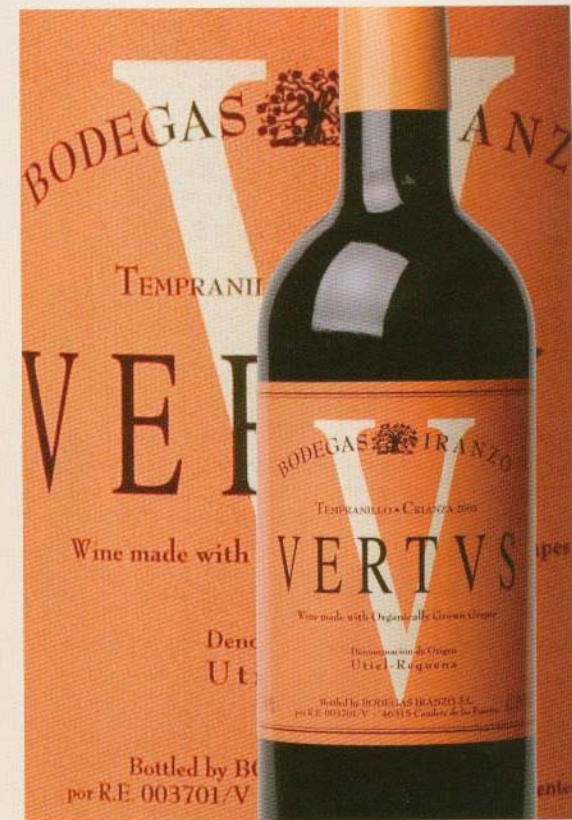
U.S. Importer: Natural Merchants LLC

Importer's Telephone Number: 866-324-5333

Website: www.bodegasiranzo.com

Founded in 1994, Bodegas Iranzo is one of the oldest established wineries that produces wines from organically grown grapes. Its eco-friendly cultivation practices encourage the creation of an ideal microclimate that ripens grapes to perfection, reducing human intervention to a minimum. Artisan winemaking is combined with exclusive organic agriculture to obtain one of the finest Spanish red wines.

Tasting Note: This wine has a layered and vibrant nose of red cranberry, red raspberry, heat, cooked cherries and raisins. In the mouth many of the same flavors are present: raisin pie, cooked cranberries, blueberry hints. The finish seems rather soft, but then Tempranillo's typical tannins get a little grippy. It's ready now but wants savory and even rich foods. \$\$





2004 Vinalies Gold (France) and 2004 Bacchus Silver (Spain). These are the Awards from the Spanish and French Society of Enologists (judged by vintner peers-the toughest critics). These are the highest awards ever given to an organic wine in the overall Spanish red wine category.





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