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Cosme Palacio 1894 White 2008

The wines bottled under the Cosme Palacio label begin with the one white offering, the 2008 Cosme Palacio 1894 Blanco, made from a co-fermented blend of 95% Viura and 5% Malvasia, which was barrel-fermented and aged for 9 months in French oak. The grapes were sourced from low-yielding vines over 80 years of age. The wine was fermented slowly and not put through malolactic fermentation resulting in a finished wine of 12.5% alcohol. Light gold in color with an alluring bouquet of popcorn, mineral, nutmeg and other baking spices, spring flowers, and pear, on the palate it is round, concentrated, and exceptionally elegant. This intensely flavored, incipiently complex offering is likely to evolve for several years and drink well for 10-15 years

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Cosme Palacio 1894 Red 2008

The 2008 Cosme Palacio 1894 Tinto is a blend of 90% Tempranillo and 10% Graciano that spent 15 months in French oak. Medium purple in color, it proffers an inviting bouquet of Mediterranean herbs, spice box, mineral, cedar, boysenberry and blackberry. On the palate it displays excellent density, savory flavors, layered fruit, and an overall elegance. Drink it from 2014-2028

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Cosme Palacio Reserva 2006

The 2006 Cosme Palacio Reserva (100% Tempranillo) was aged for 6 months in new French oak followed by 12 months in second year barrels. Medium purple in color, it gives up a lovely perfume of sandalwood, Asian spices, incense, rose petal, and black cherry. Slightly compact on the palate but with tasty flavors and some elegance, it can be approached now and should drink well for another 5-7 years.

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Cosme Palacio Vendimia Seleccionada Red 2008

The Cosme Palacio red wines begin with the 2008 Cosme Palacio Vendimia Seleccionada which was aged for 10 months in new French oak. Purple in color and displaying plenty of up-front fruit in a modern style, the wine's nose sports aromas of toast, spice box, violets, mineral, and black cherry. Savory and supple on the palate with some elegance, this is a tasty, easy to understand effort that will provide pleasure over the next 6-8 years.