



Garagiste SERIES

[gar-uh-zheest'] noun - A French term used to describe independent, artisan winemakers crafting small batches of wine in garage-type settings and not yet discovered by the mainstream.

Bodega de Edgar Wines

Owner/Winemaker: Edgar Torres

Location: Central Coast

When Edgar Torres' parents arrived in the Central Coast Town of Cambria in 1987, they became immediately aware of the possibilities the wine industry offered and the prospects that lay ahead for their family. Edgar came along a few years later and embraced his family's passion for work and love for the wine industry.

Edgar Torres worked several jobs in the food industry and through the Cavalier Oceanfront Resort & Restaurant in San Simeon eventually made the acquaintance of a number of winemakers and winery owners. He managed to get his first job as a cellar rat and eventually worked just about every winery job imaginable. In 2005 he dropped out of school to follow his passion into the wine industry on a full time basis. He continued his on-the-job education until he believed he knew enough about the business to try it on his own. Encouraged by his friends and having maintained a real fervor for the grape, Torres and his wife founded the Bodega de Edgar in 2007.

Bodega de Edgar started small—under 250 cases of its initial release. It has grown substantially and will produce around 2,800 cases this year. A sister label, Hug Cellars, will produce another seven hundred cases.

Today, Edgar Torres works full time in the winery business. His winery is located on Turley Court in Paso Robles and is accompanied by a tasting room on Adelaida Road in the same town.

For the record, bodega is a Spanish term for a wine cellar and Edgar Torres is profoundly dedicated to his Spanish heritage as well as the pursuit of great Spanish wines. "I have always loved Spanish wines," remarked Edgar Torres, "and I strive to make the best possible wines. We have long term contracts for our fruit and I love the fact that these grapes have distinctive characteristics.

Torres and his wife Krissy work in the winery and Torres' younger brother Jaime, 24, and his sister Maria, 28, also help out around Bodega de Edgar. Father Alfonso Torres can be found around the winery and lends his formidable expertise to the family-oriented operation.

Bodega de Edgar 2013 E-Squared

Santa Ynez Valley, Santa Barbara County AVA

250 Cases Produced

The 2013 E-squared release is a combination of two varietals, grenache and syrah. Winemaker Edgar Torres feels this wine literally explodes with bright red flowers, red fruit notes and different fall spices. There are aromas of fresh ripe strawberries, pomegranate and hibiscus brewed tea along with the hint of new leather. The syrah brings hints of white pepper, blueberry and chocolate covered almonds. While the 2013 E-squared from Bodega de Edgar is drinkable now, the wine will age well in bottle if you choose to lay it down. Enjoy now until 2024.

Gold Medal Wine Club Price: \$42.00 / bottle

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