



# Vino Mex

## Tasting of Mexican wines L. A . Cetto Reds

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### **LA Cetto Cabernet Sauvignon 1994 12.5 % Vol.**

Date of tasting : 26/09/1998

A technological wine, pleasant and simple, carnation - coloured and a structure with important tannins.

### **LA CETTO 1995 PETITE SIRAH**

One of the most popular bargain new world reds returns in another vintage sporting deep colour and sweet candied, plummy fruit with a black licorice nose. Rounded, open knit, warm and almost syrupy, but has some tannin to keep it in check. Good length. Chill a bit to reduce sweet impression.

### **LA Cetto Nebbiolo Reserva 1995**

Date of tasting : 6/11/1999

A strong and balanced wine, with a lot of but smooth and silken tannins.

### **L A CETTO 1996 PETITE SIRAH**

This dishes up a bowl of plummy fruit jam with extract and length well beyond its price. But it is rather one-dimensional and grapy in flavour, so use it to drink, not admire, with casual tex-mex, burgers and taco meals. I'd bet it will be better in about three years. Re-released.

Tasted: July99Vintages

### **L.A. Cetto, 1996 Nebbiolo Reserva Limitada**

Lovely cranberry color, with peppery and spicy aromas. Smooth and spicy in the mouth, with yummy long-lasting berry flavors. Some complexity here, but easy-drinkin'. A zippy red you can drink with or without food.

### **L A CETTO 1997 BARBERA**

Break out the salsa. The 14.5% alcohol won't quell the fire of a taco or tomale, but this big, succulent, sweetish red with its peppery, strawberry-tomato relish flavours, will at least stand up to Tex-Mex better than most. Actually mindful of Aussie grenache. Big, sweet, soft peppery palate, with very good length. Best now to 2002. Chill a bit to build in some refreshment.

Tasted: Aug2000Vintages

### **LA Cetto Zinfandel 1997**

Date of tasting : 11/07/1999

A youthfull and light wine, pleasant, with the main stress on red fruits.

### **L A CETTO 1998 MALBEC**

Another bargain hit from this progressive Mexican winery located in the northern Baja peninsula. Lovely, generous plummy, peppery, cedary aromas and flavours. Classic malbec in-filled, almost creamy mid-palate, with big sweet fruit, spice and licorice on the finish. Very good length, chalky tannin. Best 2001 to 2006.

Tasted: Sept2000Vintages

### **L.A. Cetto 1998 Zinfandel**

Why is this stuff so dang cheap? An intense burst of strawberry and raspberry aromas grab hold of your nose and invite your mouth to get in on the action. Does the wine's flavor live up to the promise of its aroma? Yup. The wine's dee-lish berry flavors might make you wonder if it's actually made of grapes. Light in texture with tons of red fruit. Muy drinkable -- fragrant and flavorful.

### **PRODUCTOS DE UVA 1998 CABERNET MALBEC**

No distinguishable varietal character here, but decent value here in a big, sweet, almost portish style of red from the hot Baja region of northern Mexico. Plummy, cedary, licorice aromas and flavours take on some earthiness on the finish. Ripe, soft and a bit soupy. Fairly good length.

### **L.A. Cetto Petite Syrah 1999**

A soft, medium bodied wine from Mexico. The obscure Petite Syrah grape is unrelated to Syrah (or Shiraz) but thought to be the same as Durif from Southern France

### **L.A. Cetto, Petite Sirah 1999**

Yes, you are reading this right, a wine from Mexico. Very dark black-red with a bright red rim. The nose comes across with earth and slight coffee scents.

The bouquet consists of more of the same, but shows blackberry and raspberry flavors. Tannins are somewhat drying, but not too bad. The palate has good grip. A good wine for under ten bucks.