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International
Wine Cellar

Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - The Best New Wines from Spain, Part 2
Tasting Notes by Josh Reynolds Sep/Oct 2008
Under \$20 and 90+ points

2006 Bodegas Almansenas La Huella de Adaras Almansa	90 points
"This wine, which saw no oak, was made by Ester Nin, who is the cellar master at Clos Erasmus. Great value."	
2007 Bodegas Artazu Artazuri Tinto Navarra	90 points
"More ample than past vintages of this wine, with excellent finishing sweetness and energy. Terrific value."	
2006 Celler de Capcanes Mas Donis Barrica Montsant	90 points
"Finishes with lingering sweetness and very good length. This is drinkable now but will hold up for at least another few years."	
2007 Casa Castillo Monastrell Jumilla	90 points
"A remarkable value."	
2006 Bodegas Castano Hecula Monastrell Yecla	90 points
"As usual, this is an outstanding value."	
2006 La Cova dels Vins Ombra Montsant	90 points
"This is pretty seductive, and ready to drink."	
2006 Creta Roble Ribera del Duero	90 points
"An elegant and precise wine that offers excellent clarity and finishing sweetness. And a solid value."	
2006 Cuatro Pasos Bierzo	90 points
"The fresh and incisive finish features subtle sweetness and very good length."	
2007 Espelt Viticultors de l'Emporda Saulo Emporda	90 points
"A clean, brisk wine that offers impressive clarity and energy for the money"	
2007 Celler Gramona Gessami Blanco Penedes	91 points
"All four of the varieties show their personalities in this wine, which will be amazingly flexible at the table."	
2006 Bodegas San Alejandro Las Rocas Vinas Viejas Garnacha	91 points
"As usual, an amazing value."	
2007 Sitios de Bodega Con Class Verdejo Rueda	91 points
"Sharply focused lemon, lime and pink grapefruit flavors are impressively concentrated and pure"	
2006 Bodegas Tomas Cusine El Vilosell Costers del Segre	90 points
"This is drinking very well right now."	
2007 Bodegas Valdesil Val de Sil Valdeorras	91 points
"This performs far above its price point."	
2007 Vila Viniteca El Perro Verde Rueda	90 points
"An impressive blend of power and verve."	



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2005 Bodegas Aalto Ribera del Duero	93 points
"This is the most elegant example of this bottling I've tasted."	
2006 Bodegas Artadi Vinas de Gain Rioja	91(+?) points
"This wine is showing a more serious personality than I've ever seen at this stage."	
2006 Bodegas Artadi Pagos Viejos Rioja	93 points
"This hits every nook and cranny of the palate and betrays no rough edges."	
2006 Bodegas Artadi Vina El Pison Rioja	95 points
"I couldn't get this off my palate, not that I tried very hard."	
2006 Bodegas Artazu Santa Cruz de Artazu Navarra	92 points
"The energy of this wine is captivating."	
2007 Celler Cal Pla Mas d'En Compte Blanco Priorat	91 points
"Wild stuff."	
2006 Celler Cal Pla Mas d'En Compte Tinto Priorat	91 points
"An elegant, precise wine that finishes with excellent tangy cut and persistence."	
2006 Celler Cal Pla Planots Vi de Vinyes Velles Priorat	93 points
"This is quite elegant and spicy, not to mention understated."	
2005 Celler de Capcanes Cabruda Montsant	92 points
"This is already delicious."	
2005 Bodegas Cigarral Santa Maria Pago del Ama Syrah	92 points
"This wine that reminded me of a serious Cote-Rotie...already quite alluring."	
2006 Clos I Terrasses Laurel Priorat	92 points
"A graceful, seamless wine that will drink well young."	
2007 Conreria d'Scala Dei Les Brugueres Priorat	90 points
"This should be drunk on the young side, preferably with strong foods."	
2006 Bodegas y Vinedos El Seque Alicante	92 points
"This really expanded in the glass, suggesting that it will reward patience."	
2005 Hacienda Monasterio Ribera del Duero Crianza	92 points
"This unfurled nicely in the glass, taking on exotic spices and a suave floral note."	
2005 Vina al Lado de la Casa Tinto Yecla	91 points
"Impressively lively and precise on the finish, which echoes the minerality and leaves a peppery quality behind."	
2005 Celler Marc Ripoll Sans Closa Batlett 2 Vinyes Priorat	92 points
"Deeper and sweeter on the finish, leaving behind a suave trail of spicy oak and floral notes."	
2006 Vinyes Mas Romani (Mas Alta) Artigas Priorat	91 points
"This is drinking very nicely right now. Michel Tardieu, of Rhone Valley renown, is behind this project; this is the inaugural vintage."	
2006 Vinyes Mas Romani (Mas Alta) La Basseta Priorat	92 points
"Suave oak spice notes gain power on the fresh, long finish, which strongly repeats the dark fruit notes."	
2006 Celler Mas Doix Salanques Priorat	91 points

	“This put on weight in the glass and finished with very good, sweet persistence. Drinkable right now.”	
2006 Celler Mas Doix Costers de Vinyes Velles Priorato		93 points
	“Flat-out delicious stuff.”	
2006 Bodegas Mustiguillo Finca Terrerazo		91 points
	“A rich, fleshy wine that finishes with excellent breadth and clinging persistence.”	
2006 Bodegas Mustiguillo Quincha Corral		92 points
	“This has the balance to age.”	
2005 Bodegas Orben Rioja		92 points
	“This is impressively elegant.”	
2005 Bodegas Orben Malpuesto Rioja		92(+?) points
	“Richer and riper on the nose than the basic Rioja...finishes with impressive breadth and length, repeating the chocolate note.”	
2006 Ossian Vides y Vinos Blanco Rueda		93 points
	“Pretty remarkable stuff.”	
2007 Pazo de Senorans Albarino Rias Baixas		91 points
	“This wine's mix of energy and depth will make it very adaptable at the table.”	
2005 Celler del Pont Lo Givot Priorat		93 points
	“Extremely sexy wine, and already drinking well.”	
2007 Bodegas Rafael Palacios Louro do Bolo Valdeorras		92 points
	“The mineral character expands on the strikingly energetic and long finish. Impressive.”	
2007 Bodegas Rafael Palacios As Sortes Valdeorras		93 points
	“Serious stuff, and complex enough to serve with full-flavored foods.”	
2006 Celler del Roure Les Alcusses Valencia		91 points
	“There's an enticing pinot-like freshness to this wine. Clean and focused on the very persistent finish. Very sexy wine.”	
2005 Bodegas Sierra Salinas Casa Mira Alicante		91 points
	“Delivers a whiplash of fresh cherry.”	
2006 Sitios de Bodega V3 Vinas Viejas Verdejo Rueda		92 points
	“Very complex Rueda wine, with assertive citrus and mineral notes adding energy to the long, juicy finish.”	
2005 Terra de Verema Corelium Priorat		94 points
	“Superb concentration and energy, with fine-grained tannins adding support and shape.”	
2006 Bodegas Tomas Cusine Geol Costers del Segre		92 points
	“Fresh, finely etched red and dark berry flavors gain sweetness and weight with air, picking up vanilla and cinnamon qualities.”	
2006 Bodegas Valderroa Pezas da Portela Godello Valdeorras		90 points
	“A deep, powerful wine that could be served with a rich shellfish dish, or strong cheeses.”	

