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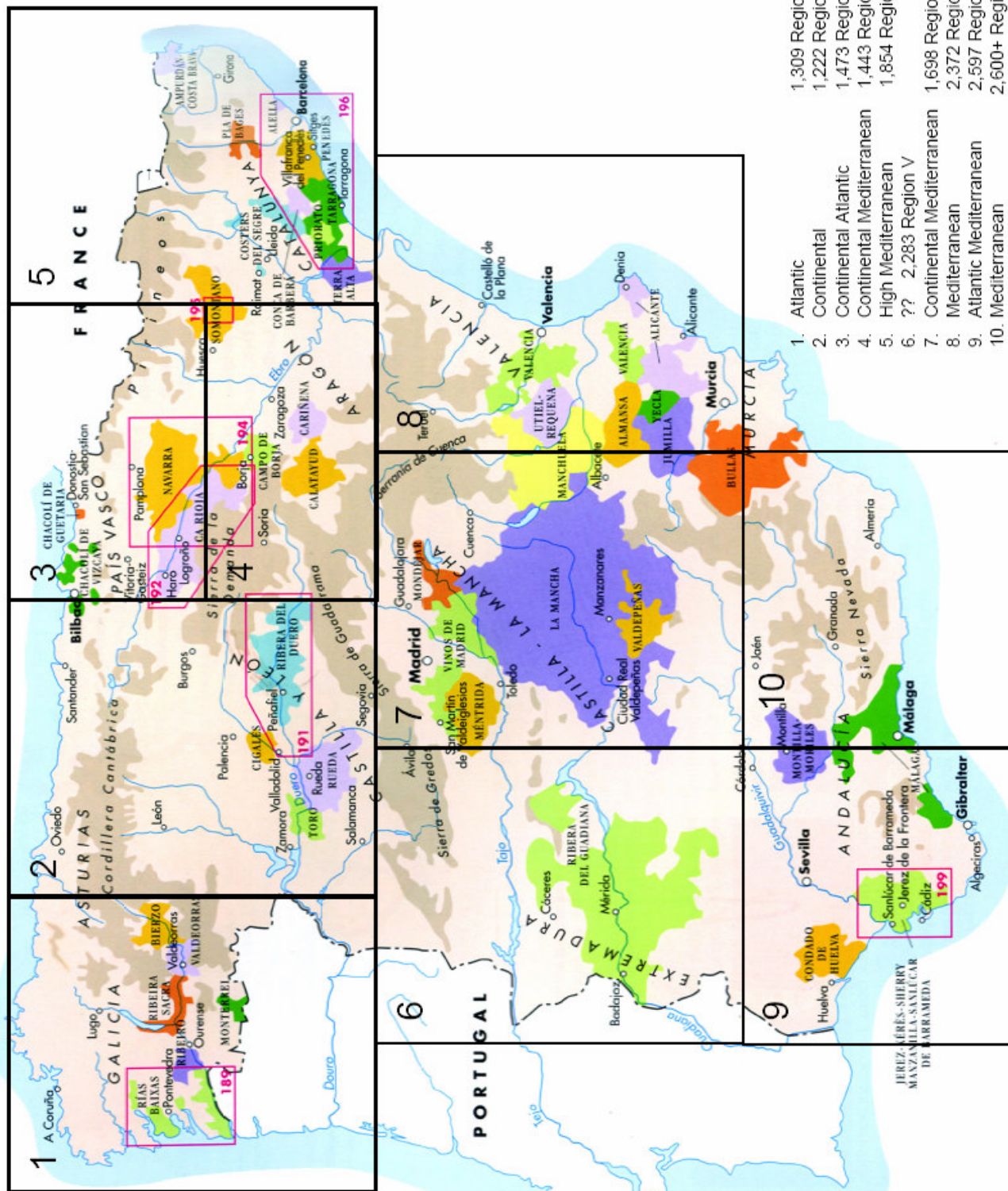
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QUINTA QUIETUD 2001 (WINE # 52) / TORO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGA QUINTA DE LA QUIETUD

Rating: 92+ points

There are 2,400 cases of this wine made in conjunction with the Hebrerd family from St. Emilion (They were once part of the ownership consortium of Cheval Blanc). **This is another super 2001 from Toro.** A dense ruby-purple color is followed by gloriously ripe aromas of black cherries truffles licorice, and white chocolate. With a superb texture, full bodied opulence, and explosive fruit. **It is a dazzling Toro to drink.**



CORRAL DE COMPANAS 2004 (WINE # 67) / TORO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGA QUINTA DE LA QUIETUD

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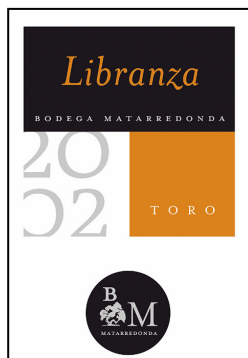
This wine was not presented to Parker this year, however it a superb wine from Toro. Only 500 cases available in the U.S. made with 100% tempranillo grapes, otherwise called Tinta de Toro.



JUAN ROJO 2002 (WINE # 53) / TORO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS MATARREDONDA

Rating: 88 points

A strong effort from a challenging vintage. The deep plumb/ruby-tinged 2002 Juan Rojo offers sweet aromas of smoked herbs red currants and wild mountain berries, a hint of minerals, and a peppery, spicy finish.



LIBRANZA 2002 (WINE # 54) / TORO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS MATARREDONDA

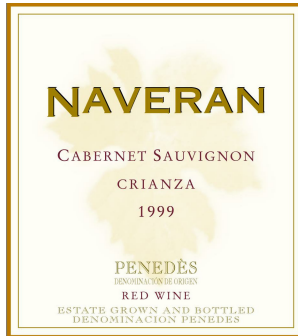
Rating: 91 points

A strong effort from a challenging vintage. The 2002 Libranza is a 4,000-case, deep ruby/purple-colored cuvee offering at gorgeously sweet raspberry, black cherry, cassis, licorice, and smoky oak-scented bouquet. Good sweetness (from high glicerine and lofty alcohol), provides a fleshy fatness to accompany the wine's purity and ripe tannin.



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NAVERAN CRIANZA CABERNET 2001 (WINE # 41) / PENEDES (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS NAVERAN

Rating: 87 points

An excellent value in Cabernet Sauvignon (**how many times can one say that?**), the 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Crianza (85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, and 5% Tempranillo) exhibits a deep ruby color along with dense, leathery, black currant and tobacco-tinged flavors, medium body, and a spicy, smooth finish. Drink it over the next 2-3 years.



NAVERAN BRUT RESERVA (WINE #19) FROM PENEDES (Zone # 5)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS NAVERAN

Rating: 88 points

A blend of 50% Xarello, 30% Macabeo, and 20% Parellada, the non-vintage Cava Brut Reserva Blanc de Blancs (a term which obviously has a different connotation in Spain as in France it would have to be made from 100% Chardonnay) is a crisp, chalky sparkler that should drink well for 1-2 years.



NAVERAN DAMA 2002 (WINE # 10) FROM PENEDES (ZONE # 5)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS NAVERAN

Rating: 89 points

A delightful surprise, the 2002 Cava Dama is an imitation Champagne fashioned from 85% Chardonnay and 15% Parellada. Crisp, elegant brioche notes intermixed with citrus and grapefruit characteristics jump from the glass of this medium-bodied, crisp, dry sparkler with uniform pinpoint bubbles. It should drink well for 1-2 years.



NAVERAN MANUELA 2003 (WINE # 16) FROM PENEDES (ZONE # 5)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS NAVERAN

Rating: 86 points

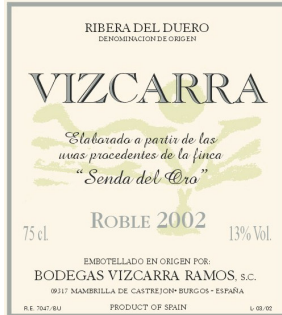
The 2003 Chardonnay Manuela (100% Chardonnay) is a zesty, finesse-styled offering that spent 4 months in wood, it exhibits notes of white peaches and apricots in a medium-bodied style. Enjoy it over the next year.



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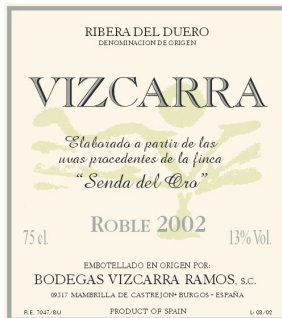


VIZCARRA ROBLE 2003 (WINE #8) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS VIZCARRA RAMOS

Rating: 88 points

The finest values are the 2003 and 2004 Roble.

From a ripe, hot vintage, the soft 2003 Roble exhibits more chocolate and spice than the 2004, higher alcohol, less acidity, and a plusher, broader texture. It can be drunk now and over the next several years.

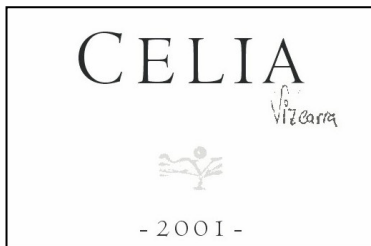


VIZCARRA ROBLE 2004 (WINE #8) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS VIZCARRA RAMOS

Rating: 88 points

The finest values are the 2003 and 2004 Roble.

The 2004 Roble displays elegance as well as dramatic aromatics with scents of flowers, cherries, and berries. The vintage's high acidity provides a crisp, attractive elegance along with a medium-bodied, nicely concentrated style. Drink it over the next 2-3 years.



CELIA VIZCARRA 2003 (WINE # 15) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS VIZCARRA RAMOS

Rating: 93 points

The estate's flagship wine is the limited production 2003 Celia.

Made from 100% Tempranillo, and aged in French oak for 18 months, its deep ruby/purple color is accompanied by rich, sumptuous aromas of underbrush, licorice, black currant liqueur, smoke, and dried herbs. Dense and medium to full-bodied, with superb fruit, excellent purity, and a long, heady finish, it should be consumed over the next 7-8 years.

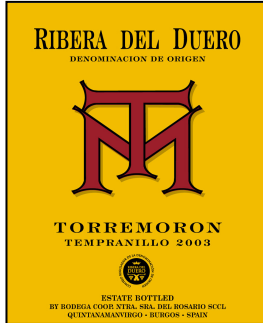


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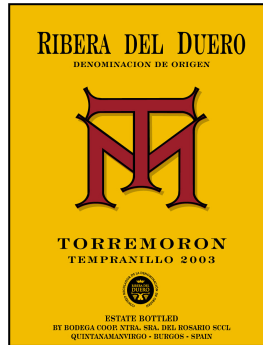
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TORREMORON TINTO 2003 (WINE # 1) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS TORREMORON

Rating: 89 points

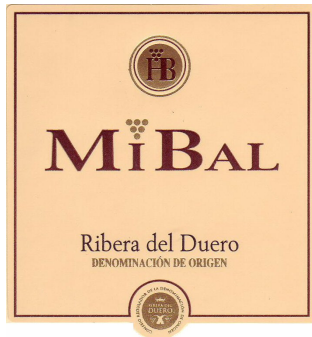
The 2003 is even better than the 2004, perhaps due to the fact that it has been in bottle a year longer and thus had a chance to reveal more stuffing. A sweet, intense, expansive perfume of raspberries is reminiscent of a high quality Pinot Noir. It offers a lovely texture, medium body, and tremendous purity as well as length. **It is hard to believe how much wine is packed into the bottle at this price point.**



TORREMORON TINTO 2004 (WINE # 1) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS TORREMORON

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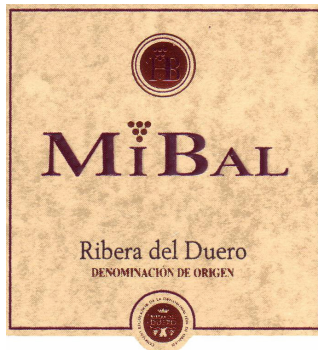
Reminiscent of a high quality Zinfandel with lower alcohol and less body, the 2004 Torremoron exhibits crisp acidity in its fruity, pure, delightful personality. With surprising character as well as loads of cherry and raspberry fruit, **it represents a naked expression of Ribera del Duero since no wood is utilized.** Enjoy this Spanish red over the next several years.



MIBAL 2003 (WINE # 47) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS HORNILLO BALLESTEROS

Rating: 90 points

An **Excellent Value**, the deep ruby/purple-tinged 2003 Mibal possesses tremendous ripeness, and opulent, medium to full-bodied personality, and loads of creamy texture blackberry and currant fruit interwoven with hints of licorice, underbrush truffles, and cedar.



MIBAL SELECCION 2003 (WINE # 48) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS HORNILLO BALLESTEROS

Rating: 90+ points

The More seriously endowed, tannic and oaky 2003 Mibal Seleccion exhibits impressive purity and brawny, big-boned structure outstanding depth, and fine ripeness. It requires another 1-3 years of bottle aged. But whether it develops the charm of its less expensive sibling remains to be seen.



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AVAN NACIMIENTO 2003 (WINE # 30) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS JUAN MANUEL BURGOS

Rating: 90 points

The 2003 Avan Nacimiento exhibits a dense ruby/purple color, sweet berry fruit intermixed with notions of licorice, earth, truffles, and spice, gorgeous texture, tremendous depth, and fine overall balance. This velvety-textured, nuanced 2003 should drink well for 5-7 years.



AVAN CONCENTRACION 2003 (WINE # 31) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS JUAN MANUEL BURGOS

Rating: 92 points

The stunning 2003 Avan Concentracion (100% Tempranillo from 80+ year old vines) offers a sumptuous bouquet of blackberries, espresso roast, pepper, lavender, and subtle wood (it spends 14 months in new French oak before being bottled unfiltered). With ripe tannin, admirable purity, and abundant amounts of gravitas, it requires another 12 months of bottle age, and should drink well for 10-12 years.



AVAN CEPAS CENTENARIAS 2003 (WINE # 32) / RIBERA DEL DUERO (ZONE 2)

PRODUCER: BODEGAS JUAN MANUEL BURGOS

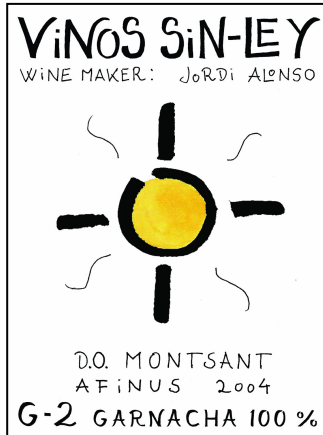
Rating: 96 points

The 2003 Avan Cepas Centenarias, is made from pre-phyloxera, 100+ year old Tempranillo vines. A profound, dense ruby/purple-colored effort, it demonstrates what old vines, low yields, and impeccable winemaking can achieve in a favored terroir. A striking minerality is intertwined with a cascade of blackberry, cassis, smoke, roasted coffee, and hints of licorice and new saddle leather. Beautifully textured and ripe, but neither jammy nor heavy, it is a wine of tremendous uplift, nuances, concentration, and tannin (largely concealed by the amazing concentration). Anticipated maturity: 2008-2020+. This is a fabulous discovery!



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G2 – AFINUS 2004 (WINE #56) / MONTSANT (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: VINOS SIN-LEY (JORDI ALONSO)

Rating: 88 points

The 2004 G2 Garnacha from Montsant is a better value than the G1. This deep ruby/purple-tinged offering displays notes of crushed rocks, raspberries, and kirsch in a rich, medium-bodied, fruit-driven style with hints of earth, garrigue, and spice. A beauty, it is ideal for drinking over the next 3-4 years.



G3 CALIU 2004 (WINE # 57) / TERRA ALTA (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: VINOS SIN-LEY (LUIS MARIN)

Rating: 90 points

The outstanding 2004 G3 Garnacha boasts a deep ruby/purple color as well as superb purity, ripeness, and black raspberry and cherry fruit. Medium-bodied and concentrated, with no hard edges, it should drink well for 4-5 years.



G5 PUERTA BONITA 2004 (WINE # 12) / MADRID (ZONE 7)
PRODUCER: VINOS SIN-LEY (MANUEL MARTINEZ)

Rating: 92 points

The extraordinary 2004 G5 Garnacha (from 80-120-year old vines) is pure kirsch liqueur, reminiscent of some of the older-styled Chateau Rayas Chateauneuf du Papes. (However, when is the last time anyone paid \$13 for a bottle of Rayas? Perhaps 1959?) This is a super, elegant, pure effort offering that wonderful liquid minerality and raspberry kirsch liqueur-like component that makes Rayas so special. The good news is that production is around 2,500 cases. Run ... don't walk to latch onto a few bottles of this beauty! It should drink well for 5-6 years.



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LUDOVICUS 2004 (WINE # 4) / TERRA ALTA (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: VINOS PIÑOL

Rating: 90 points

A fine value is the 3,000-case cuvee of 2004 Ludovicus, a tank-fermented and oak-aged (for three months) wine made from 35% Grenache, 30% Tempranillo, 25% Syrah, and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon. Bottled unfiltered and unfiltered, it exhibits a deep ruby/purple color along with a gorgeously sexy nose of kirsch liqueur, licorice, and pepper. Richly fruity, spicy, opulent, and pure, **it is an unbelievable value.**

PORTAL 2003 (WINE # 24) / TERRA ALTA (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: VINOS PIÑOL

Rating: 91 points

A stunning value, the 2003 Portal Crianza (a blend of 30% Merlot, 30% Cabernet Sauvignon, 20% Grenache, 10% Syrah, and 10% Tempranillo) **is a Spanish red to buy by the case.** Aged 12 months in American and French oak, and bottled unfiltered, it is a dense, opulent, amazingly concentrated effort with loads of black cherry and cassis fruit intermixed with hints of earth, truffles, smoke, and spice. Displaying beautiful density, balance, and purity, with no hard edges, this lush Crianza can be enjoyed over the next 2-3 years.



SACRA NATURA 2004 (WINE # 25) / TERRA ALTA (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: VINOS PIÑOL

Rating: 90 points

A terrific bargain is the 2004 Sacra Natura, a blend of 60% Carignan and 40% Tempranillo. A pungent earthy note provides a distinctive terroir aspect to this dark purple-hued 2004. Sweet raspberry and blueberry fruit along with scents of new saddle leather, spice box, toast, and vanilla emerge from this beautiful effort. **It is hard to believe such quality is available at this price.**



L'AVI ARRUFÍ 2002 / TERRA ALTA (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: VINOS PIÑOL

Rating: 92 points

One of the finest Spanish 2002s I tasted, the 2002 L'Avi Arrufi is a blend of Cabernet Sauvignon, Grenache, Merlot, Syrah, and Tempranillo. A fragrant perfume of white flowers, figs, plums, mocha, and black currants soars from the glass of this ripe, rich, medium to full-bodied wine with beautiful integration of wood, acidity, tannin, and alcohol. **It is a remarkable achievement for this difficult vintage.**





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MATHER TERESINA 2001 – 2002 (WINE # 27) / TERRA ALTA (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: VINOS PIÑOL

Rating: 91 points

The Mather Teresina, a blend of fruit from both the 2001 and 2002 vintages, tips the scales at 14.5% alcohol. The blend is similar to that of its siblings with the addition of the indigenous Morenillo grape. It is an atypical offering in that it goes against the vintage consciousness of today. It exhibits a dense purple color, beautiful blueberry, plum, and blackberry aromas, and a tightly-knit, backward style revealing notes of barrique, new saddle leather, loamy soil, and a liquid minerality. Tannin is present, but ripe. This impressive, full-throttle red requires another 1-2 years of bottle age, and should drink well over the following decade.



MISTELA BLANCA 2004 (WINE #28) / TERRA ALTA (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: VINOS PIÑOL

Rating: 95 points

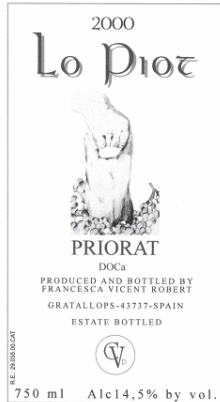
The 2004 Mistela Blanca (15% Alcohol) is a rich, sweet elixir made from white Garnacha. Its amber color is followed by copious quantities of honeysuckle, crème brulee, coffee, licorice and cherry scents in its overpowering yet complex aromatics. It should be drunk over the next several years.



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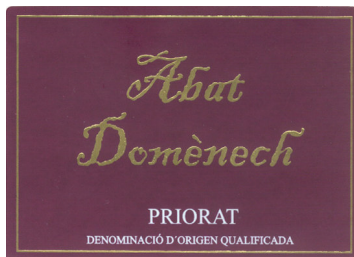
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LO PIOT 2002 (WINE # 33) / PRIORAT (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: FRANCESCA (CESCA) VICENT ROBERT

Rating: 88 points

This winery performed well in the difficult 2002 vintage. Made from one of the lower villages of Priorato, Gratallops, the 2002 Lo Piot (90% Grenache and 10% Cabernet Sauvignon) exhibits a deep ruby/purple color in addition to a crisp bouquet of minerals, flowers, distinctive terroir elements, a hint of sweet cherries, and black fruits. With good acidity, attractive ripeness, and a short finish, it is a fine, complex wine that only lacks persistence in the mouth. Drink it over the next 3-4 years.

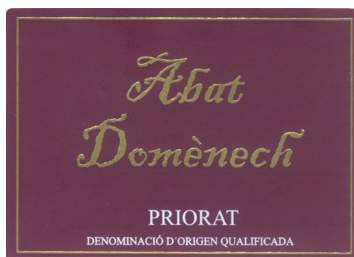


ABAT DOMENECH 2000 (WINE #34) / PRIORAT (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: FRANCESCA (CESCA) VICENT ROBERT

Rating: 93+ points

Impressive offering from Priorat, more beefed up, with loads of raspberry and blueberry fruit along with a striking minerality, is a blend of old vine Grenache and Carignan, and young vine Cabernet Sauvignon and Merlot, aged 12 months in French oak. Dense, rich, and elegant, with great purity as well as ripeness, medium to full body, and a layered palate fell with surprising lightness for its intensity. Anticipated maturity: 2006-2015.

—Robert Parker (**April 2004**)



ABAT DOMENECH 2002 (WINE # 34) / PRIORAT (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: FRANCESCA (CESCA) VICENT ROBERT

Rating: 91 points

This winery performed well in the difficult 2002 vintage. The outstanding, dense ruby/purple-tinged 2002 Abat Domenech is a 50-50 blend of Grenache and Cabernet Sauvignon grown in slate and gravel soils. A floral-scented bouquet reveals notions of crushed rocks, acacia flowers, black raspberries, and currants. This medium-bodied, full-flavored 2002 boasts sweet fruit, good acidity, and terrific definition. Enjoy this beauty over the next 7-8 years.

—Robert Parker (**Jun 2005**)



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CORTIJO III TINTO 2004 (WINE # 2) FROM RIOJA (ZONE 4)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS ALDEANUEVA

Rating: 87 points

2004 Cortijo III Tinto (made from 100% Tempranillo) is a tank fermented and aged Rioja that sells for a song. In fact, I cannot think of another Rioja at this price level that offers this much character and fruit. Its moderate ruby color is accompanied by a sweet nose of strawberries, cherries, spice box, dried herbs, and tobacco.



CORTIJO II CRIANZA 2000 (WINE 11) FROM RIOJA (ZONE 4)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS ALDEANUEVA

Rating: 88 points

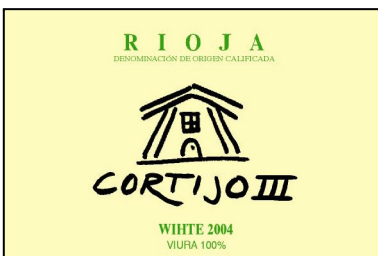
The 2000 Cortijo II Crianza (70% Tempranillo, 20% Garnacha, and 10% Mazuelo), reveals more spice underbrush, cigar smoke, black currant and cherry characteristics. It is a complex medium-bodied undeniably successful effort to consume over the next 2 – 3 years.



CORTIJO III ROSE 2004 (WINE # 3) FROM RIOJA (ZONE 4)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS ALDEANUEVA

Rating: 87 points

Readers should not forget the medium pink-tinged, fresh, lively, crisp, fragrant 2004 Cortijo III Rose. Produced from 100% Garnacha, it is a tasty, elegant rose with good underlying acidity.



CORTIJO III WHITE 2004 (WINE # 43) FROM RIOJA (ZONE 4)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS ALDEANUEVA

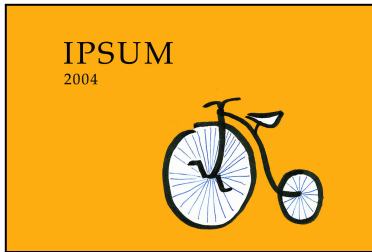
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This wine was not presented to Parker this year, It is a 100% viura white wine from Rioja baja. Cortijo III white could complement your line of Cortijo.



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IPSUM RUEDA 2004 (WINE # 5) FROM RUEDA (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: HERMANOS DEL VILLAR

Rating: 87 points

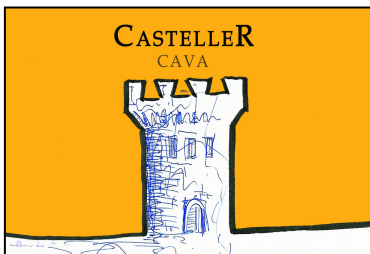
The 2004 Ipsum reminds me of some of the very good Colombards that used to emerge from California. A blend of 60% Verdejo and 40% Viura, it offers up citrusy grapefruit and anise seed-like aromas, a fresh, lively mid-palate, light body, and loads of fruit. Like its siblings, it is all tank-fermented and aged, and is best drunk in the first year following bottling.



ORO DE CASTILLA – VERDEJO -2004 (WINE # 42) FROM RUEDA (ZONE 2)
PRODUCER: HERMANOS DEL VILLAR

Rating: 89 points

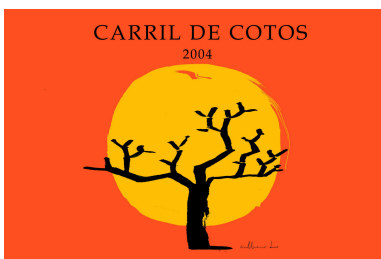
The pretty, ripe, crisp, fruit-driven 2004 Oro de Castilla Verdejo saw no wood. Elegant, with notes of white peaches, honey, and citrus offered in a flavorful yet zesty style, it should be enjoyed over the next 1-2 years.



CASTELLER CAVA (WINE #46) FROM PENEDES (Zone # 5)
PRODUCER: CELLER VILAFRANCA

Rating: 87 points

A terrific value in inexpensive sparkling wine, this crisp, elegant, refreshing, zesty white exhibits citrus-like aromas and flavors, light body, excellent purity, and a persistent effervescence. Enjoy this delicious sparkler over the next year.



CARRIL DE COTOS 2004 (WINE # 7) / LA MANCHA ZONE 7)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS SAN ISIDRO

Rating: 89 points

A sensational value, this 100% Tempranillo (15,000 cases produced) tips the scales at 13.5% alcohol. The result is a sexy, tank-fermented and aged red offering wonderful ripeness, sweet fruit, a lovely texture, fine purity, and a big, flowery, sweet cherry and strawberry-scented bouquet. This beauty is ideal for drinking over the next 1-2 years.



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BELLUM PROVIDENCIA 2003 (WINE # 9) / YECLA (ZONE 8)
PRODUCER: BELLUM - SEÑORIO DE BARAHONDA

Rating: 93 points



The Bellum cuvees are a joint project between the Candela family that owns Barahonda and importer Patrick Mata. The wines are meant to showcase the tremendous upside potential of Yecla's Mourvedre vineyards. The 2003 Bellum Providencia (an 800-case cuvee of 100% old vine Mourvedre) spent ten months in both French and American oak. It brings to mind what a Bandol might taste like if you took away all the rusticity, under-ripeness, and brett. A dense ruby/purple color is accompanied by sumptuously pure aromas of roasted meats, blueberries, black raspberries, and cherries. Full-bodied, with loads of structure, sweet tannin, impressive density as well as purity, and a 40+ second finish, this is an amazing effort. **Moreover, its price makes it one of the wine steals of the century.** It should drink well for 4-5 years. **This estate is one of the top discoveries of all my tastings.**

—Robert Parker (Jun 2005)



BELLUM EL REMATE – DULCE 2003 (WINE # 20) / YECLA (ZONE 8)
PRODUCER: BELLUM - SEÑORIO DE BARAHONDA

Rating: 93 points

The sweet 2003 Bellum El Remate is an Amarone-styled offering produced from late harvested Monastrell. It possesses a dense ruby/purple color, a fig and raisin-like character in its perfume of blackberries, chocolate, and scorched earth, moderate sweetness, and wonderful purity as well as intensity. Drink it over the next 3-4 years. This estate is one of the top discoveries of all my tastings.

—Robert Parker (Jun 2005)



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CARRO 2004 (WINE # 6) / YECLA (ZONE 8)
PRODUCER: SEÑORIO DE BARAHONDA

Rating: 89 points

There are 6,000 cases of the 2004 Carro, a tank-fermented and aged, un-oaked blend of 50% Mourvedre, 20% Syrah, 20% Tempranillo, and 10% Merlot. It reveals terrific fruit intensity, copious black cherries and wild mountain berries, and notions of licorice, flowers, roasted meats, and chocolate. With supple tannin, low acidity, and abundant fruit, it is a joy to drink as well as a **spectacular value.** Consume it over the next 12-18 months. **This estate is one of the top discoveries of all my tastings.**



BARAHONDA TINTO 2004 (WINE # 18) / YECLA (ZONE 8)
PRODUCER: SEÑORIO DE BARAHONDA

Rating: 90 points

For \$10, the 2004 Monastrell Tinto is amazing. An extraordinary bouquet of raspberries, blueberries, and vanilla jumps from the glass of this dense, medium to full-bodied, luscious, fruit-filled, seamlessly constructed effort. It is ideal for consumption over the next several years. **The good news is that 2,500 cases are exported to the U.S.** **This estate is one of the top discoveries of all my tastings.**



SINOLS MOSCATEL DULCE 2004 (WINE # 39) / EMPORDA (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS PAU ROSES

Rating: 90 points

2004 Moscatel de L'Emporda is a fresh, fragrant honeyed, moderately sweet offering with excellent fruit and good underlying acidity. However it requires consumption over the next year.



SINOLS GARNACHA TINTA SOLERA N/V (WINE # 40) EMPORDA (ZONE 5)
PRODUCER: BODEGAS PAU ROSES

Rating: 91 points

This sweet wine is outstanding as well as refreshing. The non-vintage Garnacha de l'Emporda is based on a solera system with the average age of the material being 15 years. Revealing an amber color, abundant floral characteristics, medium body, good sweetness, and plenty of fruit as well as glycerin, it should drink well for 2-3 years.