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The Best of Spain 2018

The results of the third annual Best of Spain: Top 100@ProWein tasting are out – and there are some wonderful surprises among them.



This year, Best of Spain 2018: Top 100@ProWein, the presentation of Spanish premium wines, enters its third round. It boasts an even greater scope and diversity and is more fully representative of what Spain offers than the Best of Spain editions of the years 2015 and 2016. The rush of visitors during the last couple of years has led to a sharp increase in entries. As a result, a significantly greater number of wines were tasted for this year's edition – a total

of 348 samples were up for assessment and were blind tasted at five tables in the course of two days. Once again, Peer Holm, wine consultant and expert for Spain, and David Schwarzwälder, specialist journalist, were in charge of the tasting. The event took place at the premises of Meininger Verlag in Neustadt an der Weinstrasse, Germany, in November 2017, supported by the editorial staff of Weinwirtschaft, Germany's premier wine trade magazine.

THE JUDGING PROCESS

Owing to the enormous range of different wines, the tasters faced a complex challenge and were requested to submit rigorous and uncompromising judgements. Nevertheless, the selection process was more difficult than ever, and a great number of wines only missed being short-listed by a very narrow margin. But the result was a very good one: Wines from 25 appellations made it into



The Bulls

As the bull is a symbol of Spain, we've chosen it as a mark of wine quality. The more bulls you see next to a wine, the better the wine. Every wine can achieve up to three bulls. Of course, the price category was taken into account during the tasting,

so when you see multiple bulls shown for a wine in the +€12.00 category, you can be certain that it's a better wine than a three-bull wine listed in the under-€3.50 category. But ultimately, the bulls represent the price quality ratio for each wine.

-  A very good price to quality ratio
-  An excellent price to quality ratio
-  The wine represents the top quality of its price category

The Tasting Zone

Visit Hall 10, the Spanish Hall, and head for booth A201, where ICEX is running a tasting of the 100 Best Wines of Spain, as chosen in the Meininger Verlag tasting. Each of these wines comes with a certifi-

cate that doubles as an information sheet, offering a concise description of the wine and the identifying number of the respective producer. If you like what you taste, it's therefore easy to make a connection.

the final selection. And while the fact that 14 Riojas were honoured did not surprise anyone, the selection of an equal number of Rías Baixas wines certainly did. As a matter of fact, wines from Galicia made a very strong overall impression, with eight wines from the region in the northwest of Spain being short-listed on top of the Albariños. A total of seven Ribeiros impressed the tasters enough to make it into the final selection. The group of qualities chosen as premium crus by the tasters was truly well balanced.

Less widely known DOPs such as Almansa, Montsant, Ribera del Guadiana as well as two Pagos and two red wines from the largely underestimated Monastrell appellations Jumilla and Yecla, stemming from Spain's scorching south, managed to compete with wines from well-established regions such as Ribera del Duero, Rioja or Toro. Bierzo, the rising star among the appellations, followed its 2016 performance by again submitting a number of wines of great quality. As expected, fortified wines,

which have been regarded as Spain's great classics for a long period of time now, made an excellent impression, with the region Montilla-Moriles giving a wonderful performance alongside Jerez.

Twenty-four products received the highest decoration of three Toros, while another 50 received two of the coveted quality awards. Wines in the €3.50 (\$4.33) to €5.00 as well as the €5.00 to €8.00 price range proved to be very reliable, with a respective number of 21 and 22 of them making the shortlist. Predictably, the premium category of wines in the price range of over €10.00 won the highest number of 3-Toro awards with ten top ratings.

TRY THEM FOR YOURSELF

The Best of Spain selection is now a well-established feature of the ProWein, and it certainly is one of the major visitor attractions in Hall 10. The open tasting zone for the Top 100, in booth number 10 A201, will be supervised by Peer Holm. It is located directly adjacent to the ICEX tasting area (10 A171), which will offer seven high-quality tastings again during the three days of this year's trade fair.

On the subsequent pages, we provide you with a list of the top 100 wines selected in the great tasting. The featured wines are sorted by price range and type and are accompanied by a concise but precise description. The ex-bodega quoted price ranges as stated by the producers are for general orientation purposes only.

Please refer to www.wein-aus-spanien.org for the tasting program, exhibitor lists and further information about ICEX wines from Spain on offer.



Price category I

€2.50 to €3.50

Sparkling



Reymos Espumoso de Moscatel, DO Valencia; Anecoop – 10/A232

Lychee, yellow cherries, rose water, honey melon, peach, pineapple, distinct sweetness, pleasant mousseux

White wine



2016 Porta da Ría, DO Rías Baixas; Bodegas Milenium – 10 C106

Distinctly fruity with light vegetal nuances, harmonious acidity, uncomplicated



2016 Ca N'Estruc, DO Catalunya; Uvas Felices – 10 A198

Mango, exotic fruit, yellow peach. With fine touches of caramel and wood. Buttery on the palate and quite powerful

Red wine



2013 Tintoralba Crianza, DO Almansa; Bodega Tintoralba – 10 C91

Berries, herbs, spicy nuances, lavender, smoky, bacon, refreshing acidity



2015 Lacruz Vega Roble, DO La Mancha; Bogarve 1915 – 10 A120

Dark berries, ethereal herbs, eucalypt, black tea, juicy, powerful, rounded



2016 Casa Carmela Monastrell, DO Yecla; Bodegas Castaño – 10 A234

Sweet fruit, light nuances of orange peel, liquorice, subtle vegetal notes, chocolate. Dense and harmonious on the palate



2014 Pagos de Araiz Crianza DO Navarra; Masaveu Bodegas – 10 C131

Sour cherries, currants, elderberry, light vegetal notes, tomato leaves, bell pepper



2014 Las Carlinas, DO Campo de Borja; Long Wines – 10 A164

Red berries, light floral notes, violets, lavender, vanilla, refreshing acidity, harmonious body



2011 Torrelongares Gran Reserva, DO Cariñena; Covinca Soc. Coop. Vitivinícola De Longares – 10 D103

Reserved at first, dark fruit, black pepper, mineral freshness, fine-grained tannins



2015 Corona de Aragón Special Selection, DO Cariñena; Grandes Vinos y Viñedos – 10 D223

Ripe plum, cherry, bacon, smoky notes, traditional wood, earthy aromas, forest floor, accessible



2014 Esteban Martín Crianza, DO Cariñena; Bodegas Esteban Martín – 10 C111

Multifaceted fruit, mineral notes, a touch of wood, allspice, fresh herbs, harmonious, good length



2016 La Estacada Graciano, Vino de la Tierra de Castilla; Finca La Estacada – 10 A102

Blackcurrant, fleshy, steely nuance, vitalising acidity, gripping, elegant finish



2016 Garnacha Roble, DO Navarra; Bodegas Príncipe de Viana – H10 A178

Dark berries, spicy wooden notes, hints of violet; harmonious palate with tannic grip



2014 Vulcanus Alpha Tempranillo, Vino de la Tierra de Castilla; Encomienda De Cervera – 10 C117

Sweet fruit, fruit in rum, chocolate, coffee, touches of wood, vanilla, leather, powerful, accessible, good length



2014 Alcaredet Sommelier Crianza, DO La Mancha; Bodegas Alcaredet – 10 A108

Distinctly fruity, cherry, plum, wild berries, herbs, chocolate, coconut, balmy, firm



2016 Matsu El Pícaro, DO Toro; Vintae Luxury Wine Specialists – 10 C231

Quite reserved, distinctive berry flavor when aerated, youthful tannins, fruity, juicy



2015 Gran Colegiata, DO Toro; Bodegas Fariña – 10 D71

Dark wild berries, distinctive touches of wood, powerful, complex, harmonious body, potential



2015 Lagunilla Crianza, DO Ca Rioja; Marqués de la Concordia Family of Wines – 10 A231

Dried wild berries, forest floor, sage, thyme, classic Rioja streak of acidity, earthy-leathery, cigar case



2015 Hacienda López de Haro Crianza, DO Ca Rioja; Vintae – 10 C231

Wild berries, ethereal-floral touches, milk chocolate, vanilla, toffee, elegant character, juicy, tangy grip



2015 Lágrimas de María Crianza, DO Ca Rioja; Bodegas Patrocinio – 10 D221

Wild berries, dark chocolate, mocha, minty-ethereal, forest floor, smoked bacon, juicy-tangy

Price category II

€3.50 to €5.00

White wine



2016 Farnadas Blanco, DO Ribeiro; Pazo De Vieite – 10 C206

Develops when aerated, mineral spiciness, youthful acidity, discreetly phenolic, a hint of grapefruit



2016 Finca Montepedroso, Rueda DO; Finca Montepedroso – 10 A101

Gooseberry, kiwi, white currant, discreet touch of wood, delicate tangy spiciness and harmonious texture



2016 Menade Ecológico, DO Rueda; Bodegas Menade – 10 C72

Candied fruit, passion fruit, mango, orange zest, spicy nuances, a touch of phenolic, typical Verdejo



2016 Pazo de San Mauro, DO Rías Baixas; Marqués De Vargas Family Wines & Estates – 10 A82

Mirabelle aromas, pear, nutty, chamomile, a touch of fennel, floral herbs and spices. A hint of vanilla



2016 Pazo Cilleiro, DO Rías Baixas; Muriel Wines – 10 C125

Yellow fruit, a touch of stewed apricot, brazil nut, slightly demanding acidity, complex, harmonious



2016 Barbuntín, DO Rias Baixas; Quinta Couselo – 10 C182

Peach, yellow fruit, a hint of vanilla. Invigorating play of sweetness and acidity, multilayered, full-bodied, ample length



2016 Terras de Albariño, DO Rías Baixas; Bodegas Viña Cartín – 10 D181

Very aromatic, pear, herbs and spices. Slight, well integrated wooden notes, complex, harmonious acidity



2016 Pazo de Villarei, DO Rías Baixas; HGA Bodegas y Viñedos de Altura – 10 C203

†Typical salty mineral notes, exotic fruit, blackcurrant and light vegetal touch



2016 Eira Dos Mouros DO Ribeiro; Bodegas Casal de Armán – 10 C194

Herbs, salty minerals, fresh prelude, delicate acidity, harmonious, aromatic herbs



2016 Vaya Godello, DO Bierzo; Nuevos Vinos CB – 10 C112

Citrus fruit, touches of nut, mineral notes and wet stone. Cool aromas and flavours. Typical of the variety.

Red wine



2013 Esteban Martín Reserva, DO Cariñena; Bodegas Esteban Martín – 10 C111

Ripe fruit, cassis, ethereal herbs, balmy nuances, polished tannins, well-balanced



2013 Lacruz Vega Terroir, DO La Mancha; Bogarve 1915 – 10 A120

Clear fruit, cherry, cool-spicy character, herbs, tobacco, harmonious acidity, well-balanced



2016 Val de Souto Tinto, DO Ribeiro; Bodegas Val de Souto – 10 C192

Sour cherries, violets, liquorice, candied orange peel, floral nuances, lively acidity, individual character, multifaceted



2015 El Cayado Roble, DO Bierzo; Viñas e Adegas Galegas – 10 D183

Herbal spiciness, wild berries, forest floor, roast aromas, refreshing acidity, bite, independent, animalesque-spicy



2015 Fuerza, DO Jumilla; Ego Bodegas – 10 A158

Sweet dark fruit, earthy-herbal character, spicy, butterscotch, harmonious



2014 Agnvs Crianza, DOCa Rioja; Bodegas Valdelana – 10 C112

Intense cherry and wild berries, caramel, espresso, dark chocolate, juicy-dense, seems fresh and youthful



2012 Men de Mencía, DO Bierzo; Pago del Vicario – 10 C151

Plums, dark berries, red fruit jelly, balmy nuances, nougat, sweet prelude, powerful, touches of wood, ripe fruit, fine-grained tannins



2015 Tintoralba Organic Selection, DO Almansa; Bodega Tintoralba – 10 C91

Dark berries, fleshy, praline, chocolate, balmy nuances, rich mouthfeel, fine-grained tannins



2014 Pinyeres, DO Montsant; Celler Masroig i Seccio Credit – 10 A186

Wild and dark berries, forest floor, mineral notes. Compact on the palate, rich, ripe tannins, salty finish. Perfect with BBQ



2015 Ángel Garnacha, DOCa Rioja; Fortuna Wines – 10 A224

Cherry, red berries, herbs, nougat, chocolate, coconut, a touch of bacon, iodine-salty minerals, leather, tobacco. Good length.



2011 Sonsierra Crianza Vendimia Seleccionada, DOCa Rioja; Bodegas Sonsierra – 10 A78

Dried cherry, ripe berries, orange peel, clove, allspice, leather, musk, tobacco, forest floor, coffee, caramel, ripe tannins, pleasantly lean

Fortified Wine



Fino Solera Fundación 1830, DO Montilla-Moriles; Bodegas Navarro – 10 C164

Spicy aromas, nuts, hay, herbs, mild spices, a hint of peach and pear. Delicate structure, multifaceted

Price Category III
€5.01 to €8.00

Sparkling



Duc de Foix Reserva Especial Brut, DO Cava; Covides – 10 C215

Yellow fruit, brioche, bread crust, delicate spiciness, fine mousseux, creamy, well-balanced

White wine



2016 Granbazán Etiqueta Ámbar, DO Rías Baixas; Agro de Bazán – 10 C174

Peach, quince and citrus nuances, mineral spiciness and a hint of phenolic



2016 Alter Blanco, DO Ribeiro; Priorato De Razamonde – 10 C200

Yellow fruit, piquant spiciness, light vegetal notes, harmonious acidity, juicy



2016 Orballo, DO Rías Baixas; Bodegas La Val – 10 C112/10 C173

Exotic fruit, pineapple, mango and light citrus nuances. Well-balanced on the palate



2016 Benedictus Fructus, DO Ribeiro; Bodegas Val de Souto – 10 C192

Exotic fruit, mango, lychee, banana, very fragrant. Acidity and sweetness nicely balanced, multilayered, complex



2016 Pazo Pondal, DO Rías Baixas; Pazo Pondal – 10 C172

Floral nuances such as rose blossom, lime and spicy roast aromas. Striking acidity, mineral spiciness



2016 Paco & Lola, DO Rías Baixas; Adegas e Viñedos Paco & Lola – 10 C163

Yellow apple, light exotic fruit, nutty notes, slightly woody, vibrant acidity, harmonious, firm body



2016 Altos de Torona Sobre Lías, DO Rías Baixas; HGA Bodegas y Vinedos de Altura – 10 C203

Citrus fruit, lime, mineral spiciness, harmonious play of sweetness and acidity, well-balanced, rich body, light green touch



2016 Finca Viñoa Blanco, DO Ribeiro; Bodega y Viñedos Pazo de Casanova – 10 C196

Slightly reductive initially, then nutty, a touch of sesame and coconut. Firm-tangy on the palate, spiciness of light herbs, pinot leanness



2016 Turonia, DO Rías Baixas; Quinta Couselo – 10 C182

Citrus fruit upfront followed by salty mineral nuances. Slightly phenolic. Elegant and lean

Red wine



2016 Tres Picos, DO Campo de Borja; Bodegas Borsao – 10 C221

Fruity dark berry flavors, spicy, smoky touch of wood, fruit in rum, leather, tobacco, well structured, ripe tannins, good length



2014 Berola, DO Campo de Borja; Bodegas Borsao – 10 C221

Distinctly fruity, blackberry, wild berries, spicy herbs, refreshing acidity, powerful, harmonious, ripe tannins



2011 Terrai C11, DO Cariñena; Covinca Soc. Coop. Vitivinícola De Longares – 10 D103

Red berries, sour cherry, ethereal herbs. Lively acidity, pleasant arc of tension, spicy nuances, well made



2015 Les Sorts Sycar, DO Montsant; Celler Masroig i Seccio Credit – 10 A186

Berries, herbal spiciness, mineral notes, powerful body, harmonious, long finish



2015 Tarima Hill, DO Alicante; Bodegas Volver – 10 A206

Wild berries, spicy nuances, Pimentón, slightly smoky, accessible and harmonious, uncomplicated



2013 Licenciado Reserva, DOCa Rioja; Bodegas de Familia Burgo Viejo – 10 C73

Wild cherries, earthy-herbal spiciness, black olive tapenade, mocha, firm on the palate, elegant, potential



2011 Los Autores Reserva DOCa Rioja; Spanish Wine Exclusives – 10 D153

Cherry, currant, plum, herbs, minestrone, leather, refreshing acidity, rather lean, pleasant arc of tension, spicy



2010 Allegro, DO Pago Calzadilla (Vino de Pago); Pago Calzadilla – 10 A194

Spicy fruit, herbs, liquorice, cocoa, leather. Good structure on the palate, full-bodied, near cool character, easily accessible. Typical Syrah



2014 Elías Mora Crianza, DO Toro; Bodega Elías Mora – 10 A202

Distinctly fruity with plums and wild berries, toffee, cocoa, leather. Refreshing and structured acidity, good balance and length



2011 Zinio Reserva, DOCa Rioja; Bodegas Patrocinio – 10 D221

Wild berries, Earl Grey tea, ethereal herbs, root vegetables, smoked bacon, catchy texture, fine-grained tannins, elegant, good length

Fortified Wine



Bertola Amontillado 12, DO Jerez-Xérès-Sherry; Bodegas y Viñedos Díez Mérito – 10 C162

Chestnuts, roasted nuts, spicy character, delicate chewiness, accessible, uncomplicated, mild spices



Inocente Fino Valdespino, DO Jerez-Xérès-Sherry; José Estévez – 10 A182

Dried fruit, almonds, salty nuances, mature Fino character, delicate, pleasant arc of tension, elegant, multifaceted, long finish



Pedro Ximénez Solera 1927; DO Montilla-Moriles; Alvear – 10 C168

Dense aromas, bread crust, rye bread, hay, dried fruit, raisins, black olives, orange zest, fruit bread, gingerbread, complex, gripping sweetness

Price Category IV
€8.01 to €10.00

White wine



2016 Celme de Pena Bicada, DO Ribeiro; Adegas Celme – 10 C204

Distinctly fruity and accessible, charming, light vegetal nuances, grapefruit, juicy



2014 Pazo Señorans Colección, DO Rías Baixas; Pazo de Señorans – 10 D177

Ripe yellow fruit, mango and a touch of dried apricot. Wine enlivened by pronounced acidity. First hints of maturity



2015 Conde de los Andes Blanco, DO Ca Rioja; Muriel Wines – 10 C125

Herbal spiciness, touches of pepper, delicate traditional character, very rich, mineral touch, good length

Red wine



2015 Barahonda Summum, DO Yecla; Señorío de Barahonda – 10 C224

Ripe plums, ethereal spiciness, oregano, thyme, smoky touches of wood, caramel, vanilla, refreshing acidity



2013 Albret La Viña de mi Madre Reserva, DO Navarra; Finca Albret – 10 C175

Dried red fruit, cassia, tobacco, dark chocolate, earthy nuances, herbs, spicy tannins, delicate maturity



2010 Lan Gran Reserva, DO Ca Rioja; Bodegas Lan – 10 C211

Rather reticent fruit, cherry, a hint of plum, spiciness of ethereal herbs, leather, forest floor, delicately structured acidity, classic character



2009 Señorío de Otazu, DO Pago de Otazu (Vino de Pago); Bodega Otazu – 10 A122

Balck fruit, hints of tea, dark chocolate, with mint and menthol, fine ripeness: pleasant arc of tension, fine-grained tannins, firm with good length



2014 Rectoral de Amandi Edición Limitada, DO Ribeira Sacra; Bodegas Milenium – 10 C106

Sour cherry, light floral notes, herbs, a hint of forest floor, a touch of wood, mineral aspects, lively acidity, well-balanced, elegant



2014 Protos Crianza, DO Ribera del Duero; Protos Bodegas – 10 C101

Plums, dark berries, a touch of wood, a hint of coconut, pleasant prelude, good grip, fine-grained tannins, compact finish



2013 Viña Mayor Reserva, DO Ribera del Duero; Grupo Bodegas Palacio 1894 – 10 C205

Cherry, cool fruity aromas, a hint of ethereal herbs, forest floor, leather, chocolate, nougat, elegantly classic



2007 Bordón Gran Reserva, DO Ca Rioja; Bodegas Franco Españolas – 10 C71

Delicate sour cherry, forest floor, leather, cigar case, soft prelude, pleasant streak of acidity, elegant, multifaceted, traditional Rioja, good length



2016 Losada, DO Bierzo; Losada Vinos de Finca – 10 A184

Dark wild berries, wild herbs, a hint of aniseed, fennel, distinct spicy nuances, juicy, accessible, sweet fruitiness, well-balanced, potential



2014 Resalte Crianza, DO Ribera del Duero; Bodegas Resalte de Peñafiel – 10 D141

Reserved at first, then dark berries when aerated, plums, leather, smoky touch of wood, herbs. Soft prelude with polished tannins, delicate bite, good spiciness, charming

Fortified Wine



Amontillado Solera Fundación 1830, DO Montilla-Moriles; Bodegas Navarro – 10 C164

Peaty-smoky spiciness, roasted hazelnut, cinnamon, creamy prelude, elegant and complex, umami, good length



El Candado Valdespino, DO Jerez-Xérès-Sherry; José Estévez – 10 A182

Coffee, toffee, caramel, raisins, dark chocolate, sustained acidity, very complex aromas and flavours, roast aromas, walnut, seemingly endless finish

Price Category V over €10.00

White wine



2014 Albariño de Fefiñanes III Año, DO Rías Baixas; Bodegas del Palacio de Fefiñanes – 10 C188

Quince, pear and nut aromas alongside delicate mineral touch. Fresh, very well-balanced and elegant



2009 Pazo Señorans Selección de Añada, DO Rías Baixas; Pazo de Señorans – 10 D177

Flintstone, quince, a hint of honey, light touch of petrol. Almost creamy on the palate, well-balanced with delicate mature nuances. Elegant

Red wine



2014 Bagus Tempranillo, DO Ribera del Duero; Bodegas López Cristóbal – 10 C74

Berries, tobacco, fresh herbs, slightly smoky, juicy, harmonious body, well-balanced



2014 Paisajes Valsalado, DO Ca Rioja; Uvas Felices – 10 A198

Red berry jelly, cherry, smoked bacon, delicate spiciness, accessible, harmonious, refreshing acidity



2014 Hipperia Montes de Toledo, Vino de la Tierra de Castilla; Pago de Vallegarcía – 10 C115

Cassis, bell peppers, spicy, smoky nuances, a hint of forest floor, cigar case, balminess, intense and juicy, good balance



2015 Clunia Malbec, Vino de la Tierra de Castilla; Bodegas Clunia – 10 C175

Deep purple with a black core, dense fruit, wild berries, spicy nuances, mineral aspects, herbal spiciness, juicy-soft tannins, good length



2011 ValSotillo VS Reserva, DO Ribera del Duero; Bodegas Ismael Arroyo – 10 C112

Morello, toast, black pepper, ripe plums, a touch of elderberry, gripping tannins, rich body, long



2011 Cénit, DO Tierra del Vino Zamora; Bodega Viñas del Cénit – 10 C84

Dark wild berries, a hint of plum butter, smoky, black pepper, pleasant density, powerful, delicate maturity



2015 Peraj Ha'abib Flor de Primavera, DO Montsant; Celler de Capçanes – 10 A236

Red berries, cherry, forest floor, leather, light floral nuances, violets, elegant intensity, fine-grained tannins



2015 Lualma, DO Yecla; Señorío de Barahonda – 10 C224

Spicy-fruity bouquet, plum, allspice, herbs, liquorice, smoked bacon, powerful, multifaceted, long



2013 AAA, DO Dominio de Valdepusa (Vino de Pago); Marques de Griñón Family Estates – 10 A172

Dark berries, liquorice, herbs, touch of wood, toffee, nougat, juicy texture, pleasant density, polished ripe tannins, roast aromas, long finish



2012 Graciano, DO Dominio de Valdepusa (Vino de Pago); Marques de Griñón Family Estates – 10 A172

Black berries, currant, blackberry, elderberry, tobacco, smoky touch of wood, black tea, pleasant structure, juicy, powerful, individual character, good length



2014 Haragán, DO Ribera del Guadiana; Pago Los Balancines – 10 C121

Fragrant, dark berries, blackberry, plum, forest floor, earthy, touch of wood, toffee, balmy nuances, pleasantly dense, gripping tannins



2013 Mas de Can Blau, DO Montsant; Gil Family Estates – 10 C191

Blackberry, elderberry, wild berries, coffee, mineral aspects, wet stone, smoky, mild spices, fine-grained tannins, intense, long finish



2014 Alont, DO Jumilla; Bodegas Pio Del Ramo Nuñez – 10 D201

Distinctly spicy aromas and flavours, black pepper, allspice, herbs, dark berries, fleshy nuances, mocha, cigar case. Dense on the palate, rich and long.



2008 Altar, DO Pago de Otazu (Vino de Pago); Bodega Otazu – 10 A122

Black currants, spiciness, balminess, cigar case, powerful yet elegant, pleasant arc of tension, polished tannins, long finish



2010 Finca Valpiedra Reserva, DO Ca Rioja; Finca Valpiedra – 10 A101

Ripe berries, black pepper, forest floor, mineral nuances such as flintstone, leather, smoked meat, delicate acidity, ripe tannins, harmonious, accessible



2010 Centvm Vitis Crianza, DO Ca Rioja; Bodegas Valdelana – 10 C112

Powerful berries, plums, cherries, sweet nuances, touch of wood, chocolate, leather, dense on the palate, good extraction, ripe tannins, long

Fortified Wine



Pedro Ximénez Solera Fundación 1830, DO Montilla-Moriles; Bodegas Navarro – 10 C164

Oily in the glass, very spicy, black tapenade, chestnut wood, mocha, chocolate with nuts, well integrated sweetness, raisins, dried fruit



Dry Sack Solera Especial Medium Sweet aged 15 Years, DO Jerez-Xérès-Sherry; Bodegas Williams & Humbert – 10 A121

Dried fruit, roasted nuts, milk chocolate, piquant spiciness, complex aromas and flavours, well integrated sweetness, long finish