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**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*

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



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

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

