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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 2009*

<b>2006 Aalto, Ribera del Duero</b>	<b>92 points</b>
"Sexy, highly complex...impressively fresh and focused wine"	
<b>2006 Casa Castillo Las Gravas, Jumilla</b>	<b>92 points</b>
"Open-knit and delicious...this is a remarkable value"	
<b>2007 Casa Castillo Valtosca, Jumilla</b>	<b>89 points</b>
"Impressively concentrated wine with strong finishing spiciness and smoky persistence"	
<b>2006 Casa Castillo Pie Franco, Jumilla</b>	<b>93 points</b>
"Powerful, mineral-driven...carries through an extremely long, pure and energetic finish"	
<b>2007 Celler de Capcanes Cabrida, Montsant</b>	<b>92 points</b>
"You could scent a room with this stuff... Pinot-like in its precision but this packs serious punch"	
<b>2006 Celler de l'Encastell Roquers de Porrera, Priorat</b>	<b>92 points</b>
"Deep and weighty but surprisingly lively"	
<b>2006 Clos I Terrasses Clos Erasmus, Priorat</b>	<b>95 points</b>
"Deep and powerful but graceful, offering a hypnotic melange of fruit, floral and mineral qualities...this superb and very long wine will reward patient cellaring"	
<b>2006 Ester Nin I Llorc Nit de Nin, Priorat</b>	<b>93 points</b>
"A lovely combination of power and finesse"	
<b>2006 Finca Villacreces Reserva, Ribera del Duero</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Creamy and sweet showing no rough edges...a peppery note adds energy to the long, juicy finish"	
<b>2006 Hacienda Monasterio Crianza, Ribera del Duero</b>	<b>92 points</b>
"Excellent clarity and thrust and an echo of smoky minerals"	
<b>2007 Jimenez Landi Sottorondero, Mentrída</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Manages to be both rich and energetic, finishing with strong sweetness and lingering spiciness"	
<b>2007 Jimenez Landi Pielago, Mentrída</b>	<b>91(+?) points</b>
"Tangy and sharply focused, offering pure red berry flavors and a nervy mineral underpinning"	
<b>2007 Jimenez Landi Fin del Mundo, Mentrída</b>	<b>92 points</b>
"Packs a lot of punch for such a graceful wine...could pass for a high-end New World pinot noir"	
<b>2007 Jimenez Landi Cantos del Diablo, Mentrída</b>	<b>93 points</b>
"Lush and deeply concentrated but lively...extremely seductive and delicious"	
<b>2007 Jimenez Landi El Reventon, Castilla y Leon</b>	<b>93 points</b>
"Large-scaled and powerful but with excellent clarity and finesse"	
<b>2006 Altos de Losada, Bierzo</b>	<b>92 points</b>
"Reminds me of high-end Burgundy...sweet, sappy and focused, impressively pure finish"	
<b>2006 Bodegas Orben, Rioja</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"This silky, energetic wine finishes with mounting sweetness and a lingering note of mulberry"	
<b>2007 Ossian Blanco, Rueda</b>	<b>93 points</b>
"A unique rendition of verdejo with real personality"	
<b>2008 Pazo de Senorans Albarino, Rias Baixas</b>	<b>91 points</b>
"Very deep but refreshing, with a penetrating note of talc-y minerals on the extremely long, brisk finish"	
<b>2004 Pazo de Senorans Seleccion de Anada Albarino, Rias Baixas</b>	<b>93 points</b>
"Sexy floral and mineral qualities... Juicy, deeply concentrated peach and citrus flavors stain the palate"	
<b>2007 Terra de Verema Triumvirat, Priorat</b>	<b>92 points</b>
"Strikingly sweet, focused, persistent"	
<b>2007 Bodegas Valdesil Pedrouzos, Valdeorras</b>	<b>92 points</b>
"Extremely rich and powerful but improbably graceful"	