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SELECTIONS

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SPAIN SUMMARY

The Wine Advocate #181 - The Top 100 Wine Values from Spain | *Under \$25 and 90+ points*

The Wine Advocate #183 – Spain 2009 | *An Abundance of Riches*

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|  | Bodegas Aalto Ribera del Duero | | |
| | 2006 Aalto | 94 points | “impeccably balanced and exceptionally long...large scaled effort” |
| | 2006 Aalto PS | 96 points | “boatload of intense, spicy fruit, ripe tannin and impeccable balance” |
| Bodegas Alto Almanzora Almeria | | | |
| | 2007 Este | 90 points | “totally over-delivers – buy it by the palette load. ” |
| Bodegas Artadi Rioja | | | |
|  | 2007 Pagos Viejos | 95 points | “elegant, ripe, and velvety...superb depth and concentration” |
| | 2007 Vina El Pison | 98 points | “seamless, totally pleasure-bent, intellectually satisfying” |
| | 2007 Vinas de Gain | 92 points | “one of the better values in quality Rioja” |
| Cal Raspallett Penedes | | | |
| | 2007 Nun | 90 points | “outstanding depth, balancing acidity, and a lengthy finish” |
|  | Celler Cal Pla - Mas d'en Compte Priorat | | |
| | 2006 Planots | 95 points | “feminine, elegant style...layers of succulent, spicy fruit” |
| | 2006 Tinto | 90 points | “very tasty in a straightforward manner” |
| | 2007 Black Slate | 91 points | “outstanding depth and concentration and several years of aging potential” |
| Cantos de Vicera Yecla | | | |
| | 2006 Monastrell | 92 points | “ripe, sweet and concentrated...superb depth and potential complexity” |
| Celler Capcanes Montsant | | | |
|  | 2007 Cabrida | 92 points | “velvety and Burgundy-like...succulent flavors” |
| | 2007 Vall de Calas | 90 points | “plenty of succulent, spicy fruit, ripe tannin and excellent length” |
| | 2006 Costers del Gravat | 90 points | “intense and loaded with vibrant red fruits...well balanced, full flavored” |
| | 2007 Mas Donis | 90 points | “remarkable depth and concentration for its humble price.” |
| Bodegas Castano Yecla | | | |
| | 2006 Solanera | 90 points | “elegant, intense, smooth textured...excellent balance” |
| Casa Castillo Jumilla | | | |
|  | 2006 Las Gravas | 90 points | “opulent, dense wine with complex flavors, smooth texture” |
| | 2007 Valtosca | 91 points | “voluptuous, layers of succulent fruit, superb depth and concentration” |
| Cigarral Santa Maria VT de Castilla | | | |
| | 2006 Pago del Ama Syrah | 92 points | “sweet, layered and flavorful...could easily pass for top-level Cote Rotie” |
|  | Clos I Terrasses Priorat | | |
| | 2006 Clos Erasmus | 97 points | “one of Spain's finest wines...dense, rich and voluptuous” |
| | 2006 Laurel | 93 points | “one of Priorat's greatest values, dollar for dollar” |

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| Celler de l'Encastell Priorat | | | |
| | 2006 Roquers de Porrera | 93 points | “velvety texture, elegant and intensely flavored” |
| | 2007 Marge | 90 points | “dense, rich, structured Priorat with aging potential” |
| Cuatro Pasos Bierzo | | | |
| | 2006 Cuatro Pasos | 90 points | “flavorful, pleasure bent effort.” |
| Egia Enea Txakoli de Biskaja | | | |
| | 2008 Txakolina | 90 points | “bracing and racy” |
| Hacienda Monasterio Ribera del Duero | | | |
| | 2006 Crianza | 92 points | “full-bodied, dense with layers of savory fruit” |
| Vina al Lado de la Casa Yecla | | | |
| | 2006 Vina al Lado de la Casa | 90 points | “plush with layers of succulent fruit...nicely balanced” |
| Jimenez Landi Mentrída | | | |
|  | 2007 Cantos del Diablo | 91 points | “layered and full-flavored...potential complexity to evolve” |
| | 2007 El Reventon | 90 points | “racy flavors and silky texture buttressed by structure to evolve” |
| | 2007 Pielago | 91 points | “elegant and flavorful...attractive succulent fruit, smooth textured” |
| Losada Bierzo | | | |
| | 2007 Losada | 90 points | “extracted, rich, full-flavored...over-delivers in a big way” |
| Mas Que Vinos Ribera Del Arlanza | | | |
| | 2005 La Plazuela | 90 points | “plenty of spicy fruit, good concentration, and a lengthy finish” |
| | 2007 Ercavio Roble | 90+ points | “totally over delivers for its humble price” |
| Bodegas Mas Alta Priorat | | | |
|  | 2006 Artigas | 92 points | “nearly opulent with excellent balance and forward personality |
| | 2006 La Basseta | 96 points | “complex. Hedonistic and exceptionally lengthy...brilliant effort” |
| Celler Mas Doix Priorat | | | |
|  | 2006 Costers de VV | 97 points | “complex, elegant, La Tache-like, appeals to both senses and intellect” |
| | 2006 Salanques | 93 points | “dense, layered and pleasure-bent” |
| Bodegas Mustiguillo VT El Terrerazo | | | |
| | 2006 Quincha Corral | 92 points | “elegant...plenty of savory fruit and well concealed tannin” |
| Ester Nin Priorat | | | |
| | 2006 Nit de Nin | 94 points | “elegant, intense flavors, impeccable balance, serious potential” |
| Bodegas Orben Rioja | | | |
|  | 2006 Orben | 93 points | “superb kinky, sexy perfume...rich and elegant...loaded” |
| Rafael Palacios Valdeorras | | | |
| | 2007 As Sortes | 92 points | “intriguing...elegant, potentially complex and ripe...impeccably balanced” |
| Pazo de Senorans Rias Baixas | | | |
|  | 2008 Albarino | 91 points | “attractive nose, smooth texture, lively acidity” |
| | 2004 Seleccion | 92 points | “lovely...surprisingly fresh wine with superb length” |
| Pena das Donas Ribera Sacra | | | |
| | 2007 Almalarga | 90 points | “elegant, ripe concentrated with outstanding balance and length” |
| Celler del Roure Valencia | | | |
| | 2006 Maduresa | 91 points | “dense, intense and flavorful...first class effort” |

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| Cellers Marc Ripoll Sans Priorat 2005 Closa Batlet | 94 points | “great concentration and a lengthy, pure finish” |
| Sanclodio Ribiero 2007 Sanclodio | 91 points | “this elegant effort is impeccably balanced and long” |
| Sitios de Bodega Rueda 2007 V3 | 90 points | “creamy and intense...a boatload of flavor” |
|  Terra de Verema Priorat 2006 Corelium | 96 points | “complex and sexy...large scaled effort” |
| 2007 Triumvirat | 90 points | “elegant with sweet fruit and forward personality” |
| Vinas de la Vega del Duero Castilla y Leon 2006 Quinta Sardonía | 92 points | “intensely flavored with exceptional length and aging potential” |
|  Finca Villacreces Ribera del Duero 2006 Nebro | 94 points | “elegant and velvety with succulent flavors” |
| 2006 Reserva | 92 points | “super-expressive...hedonistic effort” |
| La Vinya del Vuit Priorat 2006 El 8 | 94 points | “plenty of savory, spicy fruit and a pure lengthy finish” |

