

SPAIN

Bodegas Ondalan- DOC Rioja

2008 Vino Joven PLCB# 22958



Clean and brilliant with purple tones and a very intense, violet reflections. Highly aromatic with direct notes of strawberries and raspberries, enveloped in Layers of cream. Good body and structure, persistent on the back end with delicious citrus fruit and raspberry on the finish.

2006 Crianza PLCB# 22957



Medium red. Redcurrant, cherry and brown spices on the nose. Light-bodied, Spicy red fruits are invitingly fresh and tannin-free, with good back-end lift and cut. The finish is brisk and firm, repeating the sweet red fruit notes. 87 POINTS Tanzer

2004 Reserva PLCB# 22959 (2002 RESERVA PLCB#26559)



Vivid red. Deep strawberry and raspberry aromas are complicated by notes of dried rose, herbs and smoky oak. Fleshy, alluringly sweet red berry flavors are framed by silky tannins and gain tangy mineral edge with air. The finish echoes the red berry notes and lingers with impressive spicy persistence. This is complex enough to drink now. 90 POINTS Tanzer

2005 100 Abades PLCB# 25487 (2004 VINTAGE PLCB# 26573)



Bright red. Seductive red berry and cherry aromas show impressive purity and a fresh floral tone. Silky and sweet with energetic redcurrant and strawberry flavors, racy minerality and seemingly invisible tannins. Almost pinot-like in weight and finesse, finishing on vibrant mineral and floral notes.
91 POINTS Tanzer

Bodegas Medrano Irazu- DOC Rioja

2006 Crianza PLCB# 22955



Clear and bright, with a ruby red color and hints of blue in the upper layer. Aromas of ripe red fruits with vanilla and hazelnut notes. Smooth on the attack, ripe red fruits continuing on the palate with velvety tannins.

2004 Reserva PLCB# 22956 (2001 VINTAGE PLCB# 26060)



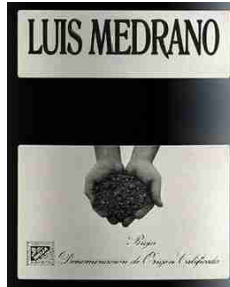
Deep, vivid ruby. A complex bouquet displays scents of red and black currant, smoked meat, mineral and dried rose. A sweet, juicy midweight with strong red berry flavors and hints of leather and succulent herbs. As classic a Rioja as the Luis Medrano is newfangled, offering very good finishing lift, cut and sweetness.
90 POINTS Tanzer.

2008 Blanco PLCB# 22954



Pale yellow gold with greenish iridescence and yellow and gold hints. Fresh and intense on the nose, with touches of white flowers, orange blossom and hints of honey. Finishes with a hint of Muscatel-like nuances. Bright, crisp and clean. Well-balanced acidity provides a lengthy finish with hints of honey and citrus notes.

2007 Luis Medrano PLCB# 22953



*Inky ruby. Powerful, smoky aromas of cherry-vanilla, black fruit preserves and cola. Oak-driven blackberry and boysenberry flavors provide serious, sweet palate coverage and are framed by chewy tannins. The finish repeats the dark fruit and cola notes and clings endlessly. Impressive for its power, extract, sweetness and size, but I'd have a hard time guessing that this was from Rioja. Knock my score down a couple of points if you really hate oak. 90 POINTS
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Bodegas Miguel Angel Muro- DOC Rioja

2006 Crianza PLCB# 22951



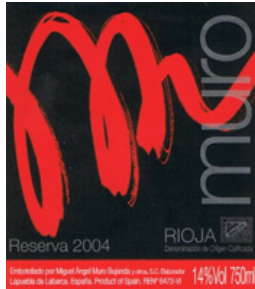
Mildly intense red with a touch of purple. Balsamic with hints of vanilla, coconut and red fruits. This is a very well structured wine with pleasant balance. A wide range of fruity aromas, red fruits, hints of coconut repeating and light toast.

2002 Vendimia Seleccionada PLCB# 29883



95% Tempranillo, 5% Graciano. Deep layers of red with intense lachrymose. Intense nose with traces of liquorice, raspberry and vanilla with a hint of balsamic and ripe red fruits. Full bodied, round and warm with very balanced acidity.

2004 Reserva PLCB# 22952



Vivid Ruby. Red and dark berry scents are complicated by cracked pepper and floral qualities. Juicy, sharply focused black raspberry and bitter cherry flavors are tannin-free and gain sweetness with air. A lively mineral note adds urgency to a long, penetrating finish. This is balanced to age.
90 POINTS Tanzer

Bodegas Santiago Ijalba- DOC Rioja

2001 Ogga Reserva PLCB# 25952



The 2001 Ogga Reserva is dark ruby-color with a classy nose of scorched earth, cedar, spice box, cassis, and black cherry. Medium to full-bodied, the wine is dense and full-flavored with gobs of spicy black fruits, the tannins are well integrated and the finish is long and pure. Give this big Rioja 2-3 years of further cellaring and drink it through 2021. 91 POINTS Parker

2004 IREP PLCB# 22948



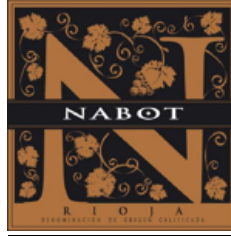
Dark red. Musky cherry and dark berries on the nose. Bitter cherry and dark chocolate flavors are complicated by anise and espresso, with light, dusty tannins adding gentle grip. Finishes with late snap of chalky minerals and good persistence. This would be a good foil to fatty red meats. 88 POINTS Tanzer

2004 Santalba PLCB# 22946



Medium red. Meaty cherry and plum aromas are complemented by tobacco and musky herbs. Sweet dark fruit flavors are given a firm edge by tangy minerals and dusty tannins. Finishes with refreshing peppery bite and good persistence, repeating the cherry quality. I suspect that a few years of age will loosen this up. 88 POINTS Tanzer

2004 Vina de Nabot PLCB# 22947



Opaque ruby. Powerful, expansive dark berry, cherry, licorice and cola aromas are underscored by vanilla and smoky peat. Broad, lush and strikingly deep, offering luscious, liqueur-like blackberry and cassis flavors, with smoky oak spices and cherry-cola on the back end. Really stains the palate, reluctantly finishing with clinging spice and berry preserve flavors. What would this go with? A glass of port? Undeniably impressive but needs to be served by the ounce. 91 POINTS Tanzer

2006 Mutuo Organic Cosecha PLCB# 26295



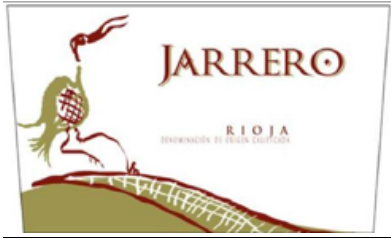
Deep cherry color with black tones and a red rim. Blackberry aromas on the nose, with hints of liquorice and vanilla. Complex and fruity character on the nose, with well balanced acidity and full bodied structure.

2004 Mutuo Organic Crianza PLCB# 26297



Deep red color, with a brick colored rim and ruby hearth. Ripe black fruits and liquorice, with spices and vanilla on the nose. On the palate, black fruits with well-balanced acidity and a powerful, persistent finish.

2008 Jarrero Blanco PLCB# 22949



Pale yellow in color, bright and intense. Fruity aromas with white floral notes. Well-structured, elegant acidity and a lengthy finish with a slightly sweet aftertaste.

2006 Jarrero Crianza PLCB# 22950



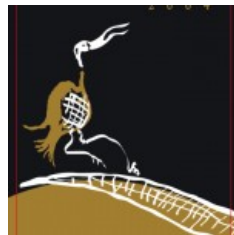
Deep red-black color with a red rim. Blackberry compote, vanilla and spices on the nose. Notes of liquorice and herbs on the palate, firm tannins with a sweet edge to the powerful fruit.

2004 Jarrero Limited Edition PLCB# 29886



Deep cherry color, black notes with a purple rim. Ripe dark fruits on the nose, with fresh dark fruits repeating on the palate. Silky and well-balanced finish

2004 Jarrero Reserva PLCB# 26299



Deep black color with a red rim. Spicy aromas and hints of balsamic on the nose. Powerful, full bodied and well balanced, with dark fruits on a lengthy finish

Bodegas Ruiz de Vinaspre- DOC Rioja

2006 Crianza PLCB# 22938 (2002 Crianza PLCB# 26558)



Ruby-red. Redcurrant, cherry and tobacco on the nose. Mineral-driven red fruit flavors are underscored by a gentle spicy quality and braced by racy acidity. Finishes with good tangy lift and an echo of redcurrant. This could take a light chill. 88 POINTS Tanzer

2000 Reserva PLCB# 22939



Ruby red color. Well-tanned leather, spices, cocoa and toast touches with integrated mature red fruits. A fruity, classic Rioja Reserva. Black pepper notes blend harmoniously with mature fruits lending to a smooth, mature finish.

2008 Blanco PLCB# 22937



Clean straw color with hints of green, bright and very vivacious. Noble and fine dark roasted notes, anise seed and fennel, ripe red peach, fresh mint and hints of ripe banana on the nose. Well-rounded, nice volume and well balanced. Fresh on the attack, crisp throughout the mid-palate, with white peach and hints of mineral on the finish.

Coto de Gomariz- DO Ribeiro

2006 Blanco PLCB# 22181 (2008 VINTAGE PLCB# 22942)



A blend of Treixadura, Godello and Loureira. Light green-yellow. Intriguing aromas of white peach, green tea, pear skin, nectarine and jasmine, with an underpinning of talc. Deep-pitched orchard fruit and lemon flavors are firmed by dusty minerals and pick up a zesty white pepper note with air. Manages to meld power and energy, and displays very good finishing clarity and lingering spiciness. 90 POINTS Tanzer

2007 Vendimia Seleccionada Blanco PLCB# 22944



Light yellow-gold. Expansive aromas of melon, peach, lees, minerals and smoked meat. Smells like a serious soil driven white Burgundy. Firm on entry, then quickly fleshes out to offer gently sweet orchard and pit fruit flavors and a buttery quality.

2008 "X" Blanco PLCB# 22945



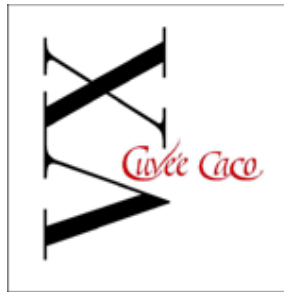
Light yellow gold. Strikingly pungent aromas of lime and grapefruit pith, pear, white flowers and minerals. Smooth in texture, with deep, spicy orchard fruit flavors and suave lees with candied floral qualities.

2007 Abadia de Gomariz Red PLCB# 22940



Brilliant red, with a cherry-red robe along with garnet and violet tinges. Berry fruits on the nose, with flowers, cocoa, spice balsamic notes against a slight background of toasted wood. Mature red fruits, cocoa and balsamic notes repeating on the palate, with soft vegetal notes on the finish

2006 Cuve Caco Red PLCB# 22941



Bright cherry red. Powerful aromas of ripe red fruits, noble wood, cloves, minerals, toast and tar against a creamy background. Powerful and fresh with mature red fruits and spice on the palate. Plenty of well-integrated tannins create a full, long, elegant finish.

2005 Cuve Primo Red PLCB# 22943



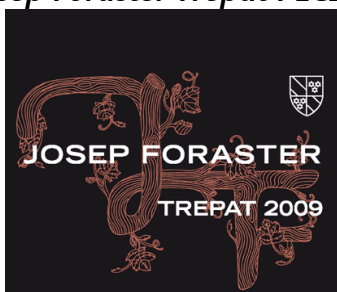
An elegant, dark cherry red color. Complex and intense on the nose with ripe red fruit aromas, aromatic wood, minerals, herbs, ink, dark chocolate, all in perfect harmony. Balanced, full bodied and elegant in the mouth, with ripe tannins and a long finish full of aromas that are prolonged in the aftertaste

2006 Mirador Iberico PLCB# 22855



100% Tempranillo, with a brilliant bright red cherry color. Intense aromas of liquorice, red fruits, plum and vanilla. On the palate, the wine is fresh and smooth, with a medium body. Velvety tannins and a long finish ending with repeating notes of liquorice and vanilla. A wonderfully smooth wine, which can be enjoyed by itself or with small dishes and tapas. It also pairs well with white meat, grilled red meat, and soft or hard cheeses.

2009 Josep Foraster Trepas PLCB#17709



Bright red. Smoky and a bit reduced but aeration brings up spicy red berry and floral qualities and an exotic orange zest note. Light in body but surprisingly deep in juicy raspberry and cherry flavors, showing no rough edges and a slightly jammy quality. Finish silky and sweet, with good lift and lingering spiciness. 88 POINTS Tanzer

2008 Raventos I Blanc D' Nit Rose Cava PLCB# 17708



Pale salmon-skin color, with a fine bead. Delicate, precise aromas of strawberry, redcurrant, spicecake and jasmine. Light-bodied and focused, offering spicy red berry and citrus flavors and an undercurrent of tangy minerality. More graceful than most pink Cavas- and more than a few rose Champagnes. Finishes with impressive clarity and mineral-driven persistence. 92 POINTS Tanzer

2010 Raventos I Blanc Perfum de vi Blanc PLCB#17713



PERFUM DE VI BLANC

Clear pale yellow color. Melon and apricot on the nose, with a light floral quality. Pear and grapefruit flavors on the palate, with crisp acidity and a refreshing finish.

2009 Doniene Gorrondona Txakoli PLCB# 17707

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Bizkaiko Txakolina
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100% Hondarrabi Zuri grape. Brilliant straw color, with bouquets of fennel, apple and floral notes. Fresh citrus fruits on the palate, with fresh minerality.

Selections from Europvin

**La Rioja Alta S.A.- DOC Rioja PLCB# 22930
1997 Grand Reserva 904**



Bright red. Seductively perfumed nose offers a complex bouquet of dried cherry, vanilla, cola, potpourri, smoky minerals and cedar. Silky red berry and cherry flavors are sweetened by vanilla bean and take on tannic structure with air. Becomes deeper and riper on the impressively long, sweet, lightly chewy finish, which strongly echoes the cherry and vanilla qualities. I'd serve this with strongly seasoned grilled steak or lamb. 92 POINTS Tanzer

2008 Lagar de Cervera PLCB# 22933



Bright yellow. Fresh apple, pear and fig on the nose, with a spicy undercurrent of fresh ginger. Racy but also nicely filled in, offering spicy orchard fruit flavors and a bracing citric quality. Finishes clean and focused, leaving behind sappy pear and orange notes. Manages to be both powerful and lithe; this will work very well at the table. 90 POINTS Tanzer

2008 Marques de Irun PLCB# 22934



Pale yellow. Lemon, orange and minerals on the nose, with a deeper pear note emerging with air. Juicy, penetrating citrus and orchard fruit flavors are complemented by dusty minerals and a hint of pear skin. The finish strongly repeats the orange note and clings with very good persistence. 89 POINTS Tanzer

2005 Pintia PLCB# 22932



Inky purple. Alluring bouquet of blackberry and blueberry preserves, cherry-cola and vanillin oak spices. Broad, fleshy and deep, with sweet flavors of dark berries, floral pastille and vanilla beans. The rich fruit nicely absorbs the oak element on the long, velvety finish. Leaves a wide swath of creamy dark fruits and licorice in its wake. Pretty sexy stuff. 92 POINTS Tanzer

2008 Vina Herminia Tempranillo PLCB# 22936 / 2009 Viintage PLCB#14693



2008 Vintage: Bright violet. Energetic aromas of spicy red berries and cherry, plus a subtle floral overtone. Pure, bright and racy on the palate, offering vivid strawberry and raspberry flavors and a hint of white pepper. The finish is tightly focused and pure, with very good lingering sweetness and length. This is an outstanding value. 89 POINTS Tanzer

2009 Vintage: Vivid ruby. Spicy red berries and dried flowers on the nose. Slightly jammy raspberry and candied cherry flavors are perked up by a subtle peppery note and a hint of menthol. Dry and focused but a bit narrow, finishing with good clarity. 87 POITNS Tanzer.

2001 Vina Herminia Reserva PLCB# 22935



Fading medium red. Smoky red berries and cherry on the nose. Sweet raspberry and cherry flavors are firmed by juicy acidity and lifted by brisk minerality. Finely etched red fruit and musky floral flavors become sweeter on the finish without picking up any excess weight. There's something attractively pinot-like about this, and it would be excellent with grilled birds or sheep's milk cheeses.
90 POINTS Tanzer

2001 Vina Alberdi Reserva PLCB# 22931



Medium red with a fading rim. Musky, intriguingly perfumed nose offers dried red fruits, toasted nuts, Indian spices, vanilla, botanical herbs and potpourri. Bitter cherry and tangy red berry skin flavors are tightly wound and reluctant to open, with a firm spine of minerality lending an austere quality. Finishes with very good grip and lift, leaving cherry and candied floral qualities behind. I like the aloof quality of this wine and bet that it will gain sweetness with age, but those who are after flesh and sweetness will probably be left wanting.
89 POINTS Tanzer

C.V.N.E.

C.V.N.E. stands for Compania Vinicola del Norte de Espana (The Northern Spanish Wine Company) founded in 1879, but it is better known as Cune.

Cune Contino Graciano 2006 PLCB# 24987



The 2006 Contino Graciano (100%) spent 13 months in French and Hungarian oak. Dark ruby-colored, it has an exceptionally spicy bouquet along with sandalwood, graphite, damp earth, and black cherry. A bit tightly wound on the palate, its elegant personality is able to poke through along with plenty of layered, savory fruit. Give this well-balanced, lengthy wine another 5-7 years of cellaring and drink it from 2015 to 2026. 91 POINTS Parker

Cune Imperial Gran Reserva 1999 PLCB#18162



The 1999 Imperial Gran Reserva from a good vintage has a very expressive nose of Asian spices, balsamic, violets, and assorted black fruits. Elegant on the palate, it is a wine of finesse in combination with intense flavors and a lengthy, pure, silky finish. It will drink well for another 6-8 years. 94 POINTS Parker

Cune Reserva 2006 PLCB# 18164



Cune's 2006 Reserva is a blend of 80% Tempranillo with the balance Garnacha, Graciano, and Mazuelo aged for 2 years in French and American oak. Dark ruby-colored, it reveals an aromatic array of smoke, spice box, tobacco, black cherry, and blackberry. This is followed by a medium-bodied wine with plenty of savory, spicy fruit, a smooth texture, and enough ripe tannin to evolve for 3-4 years. This lengthy offering will provide prime drinking from 2013 to 2021. 89+ POINTS Parker

Cune Vina Real Gran Reserva 2001 PLCB# 18169



The 2001 Gran Reserva is 95% Tempranillo and 5% Graciano barrel-fermented and aged for 3 years in French and American oak. 2001 was a great vintage in Rioja and is reflected in this superb effort. Dark ruby-colored, it exhibits an alluring bouquet (earth notes, background oak, Asian spices, a hint of balsamic, roasted herbs, lavender, black cherry, and blackberry) that is given added complexity from the extended bottle aging. Medium-bodied and elegant on the palate, it still has a bit of ripe tannin to resolve, plenty of spicy red and black fruits, impeccable balance, and 5-7 more years of aging potential. This classy Gran Reserva will have a drinking window extending from 2015 to 2031, and probably longer. 94+ POINTS Parker

Cune Contino Reserva 2005 PLCB# 18173



The 2005 Contino Reserva is made up of 85% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, and 5% Mazuelo and Garnacha aged for 2 years in a mix of new and seasoned French and American oak. Crimson-colored, it presents aromas of smoke, spice box, roses, leather, black cherry, and blackberry. Elegant on the palate in a slightly racy style, the fruit is balanced by lively acidity and the flavors are ripe and savory. This lengthy offering will continue to unwind for another 4-6 years and will deliver optimal drinking from 2015 to 2025. 91 POINTS Parker

Cune Contino Vina del Olivo 2007 PLCB# 18175



The 2007 Contino Vina del Olivo is deep purple-colored with a nose of balsamic, Asian spices, incense, and a cocktail of black fruits. Medium-bodied, savory, and smooth-textured, it will be an elegant version of Vina del Olivo when it hits its peak in a few years. It should drink well through 2022. 91 POINTS Parker

Cune Imperial Reserva 2004 PLCB#18177



The 2004 Imperial Reserva is 85% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, and 5% Mazuelo aged in new French and American oak for 24 months. Deep crimson-colored, it gives up aromas of toast, spice box, espresso, blackberry, and plum. Medium to full-bodied, on the palate it displays a plush texture, ripe flavors, excellent volume and concentration, and a relatively forward personality. It will be approachable in 2-3 years and will offer prime drinking from 2013 to 2024. 91+ POINTS Parker

Cune Vine Real Reserva 2004 PLCB# 18178



Deep red. Spicy cherry, redcurrant, herbs, underbrush and smoky oak on the nose. Offers an attractive silky texture, noteworthy intensity and a light touch, with sweet red fruit and floral pastille flavors gaining power with air. Finishes with velvety tannins and very good mineral cut. This is more energetic than many Rioja's from this ripe Vintage. 91 POINTS Tanzer

Cune Monopole Blanco 2010 PLCB# 18165



Bright straw yellow with hints of green. Fine citrus and floral aromas, some grapefruit and orange blossom. Fine and elegant on the palate with ripe citrus and mango and a balanced acidity, creating a long fresh, appealing finish.