

8 Spanish Values for \$25 or Less

New reviews of Tempranillo, Garnacha and Albariño from Ribera del Duero, Rias Baixas and more



Bodegas Godeval has produced Godello wines in the Valdeorras region for over 30 years. (Courtesy of Bodegas Godeval)

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Tasting Highlights' wine reviews are fresh out of the tasting room, offering a sneak peek of our editors' most recent scores and notes to WineSpectator.com members.

With its growing list of classified regions and numerous grape varieties, Spain offers an intriguing range of wines for many tastes. This week's selection provides a tour of this diversity, from the bold reds of Spain's warm southeast to the crisp whites of its cool northwest. Best of all, at 88 points or higher and \$25 or less, these wines deliver great value.

The whites on today's list include three wines produced from the Godello grape. This indigenous variety was revived from obscurity in the 1980s by Bodegas Godeval, whose rich 2018 Godello is featured below. You'll also find a plush Albariño from Adegas dos Eidos in the Rias Baixas appellation, on the Atlantic coast. Among the showcased reds are Tempranillos from Ribera del Duero in north-central Spain, where the region's continental climate yields structured, rich wines. For fans of a lighter style, there is a fresh Garnacha from the high-elevation Calatayud region, where Garnacha is the primary red grape. And Volver shows the strength of Monastrell (also known as Mourvèdre) in the coastal Alicante region, with a robust bottling at just \$9.

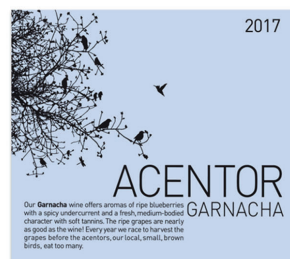


BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS LUNA BEBERIDE

Godello Bierzo 2018

Score: 90 | \$23

WS review: Smoky and flinty notes frame pear, fennel and lime zest flavors in this firm white. Features a fleshy texture, but crisp acidity and minerality keep this taut. Rich yet focused. Drink now through 2023. 4,100 cases made, 300 cases imported. —*T.M.*



ISAAC FERNANDEZ SELECCIÓN

Garnacha Calatayud Acentor 2017

Score: 88 | \$14

WS review: Fresh cherry and berry flavors mingle with light herb and licorice notes in this round, tender red. Light tannins and juicy acidity keep this focused and fresh. Fruit-centered, but with nice subtlety. Drink now through 2024. 1,500 cases made, 800 cases imported. —*T.M.*