



Tasting notes for “Lesser know wines of Spain”
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1. Gaintza Txakolina, Bodega Gaintza, Getariako Txakolina 2023 Supplier - Simply Wines Direct

Produced from a family estate in the heart of the Basque town of Getaria -Spain, this wine is wonderfully zingy and fresh. The nose is full of lemon verbena, green apple and white pepper spice. There is a touch of spritz on the palate and the acidity is crisp and refreshing.

2. 2020 Quinta Do Avelino Treixadura, Ribeiro DO Supplier -Davy’s Wine Merchants

Made with 100% Treixadura, a white grape variety found in the Ribeiro region, the wine is fermented at cold temperature in order to keep the aromatic concentration at its most pure and is then aged on its lees. Aromas of citrus, apple, melon and yellow plum with mineral notes and a hint of delicate white flowers. A very elegant and flavourful wine with a great acidity and a long finish.

3 .Navajas Blanco Crianza, Rioja 2019 Supplier -The Wine Society

Antonia Navajas Senior built the first Navajas bodega in 1983, now supplanted by a state-of-the-art facility introduced by his son Antonio Jr., now in charge. Here, the wines are fermented in stainless steel tanks before ageing in new oak barrels. An expressive, oaky white Rioja which is smooth and rich with nutty, floral fruit to balance the attractive vanilla notes.

4. Parcelas Ecológico Monastrell, Yecla 2021 Supplier – The Wine Society

From Yecla in southern Spain, this deeply coloured, weighty red is typical of the monastrell grape. Spicy and peppery with dark-fruit flavour and velvety texture. The monastrell grapes for this wine are grown 50km inland from Alicante and at altitudes that temper the Mediterranean heat, retaining freshness.

5. Bodegas Neleman Bobal 2018 Supplier - Davy’s Wine

Made from Bobal, a thick skinned grape native to Valencia, from old vines which are around 80 years old. Old vines mean that the yield is low, but this concentrates the character of the fruit. The result is a powerful and deeply concentrated red wine, with notes of damson fruit, brambles, cigars, leather and cloves.

6. Casa Rojo Maquinon Garnatxa Priorat 2017 Supplier – Simply Wines Direct

Casa Rojo was founded in the year 2010 by the husband and wife team of José Luis Gómez and Laura Muñoz. An intense cherry red colour with purple nuances. Intense in the bouquet with a perfect balance of the ripe fruits from the Garnacha and the wood of five months aging on French wood. The palate is concentrated, with blackberries, cherries, berries and pepper. The vibrant acidity is well balanced with the tannins and the wine is long on the finish.