

WINEENTHUSIAST IMPORTER CONNECTION™

About Wine Enthusiast Importer Connection

Wine Enthusiast Importer Connection is a program designed to make the connection between importers and producers easier. Producers who are not currently imported in the United States can submit their products for a fee to be reviewed by expert tasters at our headquarters in New York. Each review will include a numeric rating, a detailed review, the full name of the product, detailed contact information for the producer, a suggested retail price tier (as reflected by a scale of one to four dollar signs \$-\$\$\$\$) and the product's alcohol, in abv, as reported by the submitter. All ratings and reviews of products that receive a score of 80 points or higher will be published in our [searchable database](#). Importers who are interested in a product can contact producers directly for more information and to discuss potential business relationships.

About the Scores

Ratings reflect what our reviewers felt about a particular product. Beyond the rating, we encourage you to read the accompanying tasting note to learn about a product's special characteristics.

Classic	98–100:	The pinnacle of quality.
Superb	94–97:	A great achievement.
Excellent	90–93:	Highly recommended.
Very Good	87–89:	Often good value; well recommended.
Good	83–86:	Suitable for everyday consumption; often good value.
Acceptable	80–82:	Can be employed in casual situation.

Products deemed Unacceptable (receiving a rating below 80 points) are not reviewed.

Symbol	FOB Winery	SRP (USD)
\$	< 4 euros	< \$10
\$\$	4–10 euros	\$10-25
\$\$\$	10–20 euros	\$25-50
\$\$\$\$	> 20 euros	> \$50

Tasting Methodology and Goals

All tastings are performed blind. Typically, products are tasted in peer-group flights of 4–8 samples. Pricing tier, production size, provenance and grape variety are not factors in assigning scores. When possible, products considered flawed or uncustomary are retasted.

Submitting Products for Review

Producers who are completely devoid of U.S. representation (excluding Puerto Rico) may submit products for review. Products submitted by producers that have any current U.S. representation, even in just one state, will be deemed ineligible for tasting, and the submission fee will not be reimbursed. There is a \$370 charge per wine for submitting products. In addition to the \$370 submission fee, producers will be responsible for any international shipping costs, import taxes, and U.S. customs filing and handling fees incurred, which will be billed separately by our preferred clearing house, The American Spirits Exchange Ltd. Once cleared and received, all products will be reviewed and published in the Wine Enthusiast Importer Connection newsletter as well as online in the searchable [Wine Enthusiast Importer Connection database](#). Submissions received without authorization and a completed online application will not be reviewed. Additional inquiries should be addressed to IC@wineenthusiast.net

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SPAIN - RED WINES

RIBEIRA SACRA

Company Name: Adega Ponte da Boga SL
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89 Ponte da Boga 2015 Capricho Merenzao (Ribeira Sacra). This wine is a red-cherry color in the glass. The nose offers aromas of musk, marzipan, red cherry and strawberry. Moderate in body, this red shows lots of refreshing zip and soft tannins. Layers of flavors add on a pleasant earthiness that lasts into the lingering finish. Elegant and palate-caressing, it can go solo as well as with food. While the well-crafted structure should allow it to hold, the youthful fruit is too much fun to resist. Drink now–2019.

abv: 14% **Price:** \$\$\$

Company Name: Adega Ponte da Boga SL
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86 Ponte da Boga 2016 P Mencia (Ribeira Sacra). Dark black at the core, this wine gleams a bright, blue-toned magenta color throughout the glass. There's a dense nose of perky, tart blackberries. It is followed by a super youthful—though still a bit angular—palate of feisty, bracing acidity countered by soft, rounded tannins. It could use some time in bottle to settle down, though its chipper character would be a good bet for a picnic of sausages and hearty cheeses. Drink from late 2017 through 2019.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$\$

TORO

Company Name: Bodegas Valbusenda
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90 Valbusenda 2011 Vivo (Toro). This wine is a beast. Massive in inky color, effusive aromatics, enormous body, striking acidity and stringy tannins, it's downright impressive how it all comes together so seamlessly. The nose is lightly high toned, with a balsamic vinegar character, and the compact palate is dense in pure black fruit. There's tons of cola, licorice and sweet spice notes, too. This decadently extracted wine is highly oaked, but it's done so with care and good measure. The flavors linger on the medium-length finish, showing in yet another way that this is a rather classy bottling. Drink now–2020.

abv: 15% **Price:** \$\$

Company Name: Puntal Cero S.L.
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86 Astrónomo 2012 Toro. This wine is oil-slick black in appearance, with a tiny cherry rim. Given its appearance, it is surprisingly perky on the attack, thanks in good part to its bustling acidity and slightly choppy tannins. There is a solid structure to support the full body. The palate has tons of anise, cola, candied black cherry, smoked meat and mirin flavors. While nicely concentrated, it is a bit heady, so there's no reason not to enjoy its freshness now. Drink now–2018.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$\$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Valbusenda
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86 Valbusenda 2012 Cepas Viejas (Toro). Pitch black at the core, this wine has a noticeably volatile nose. Licorice and black cherry-pie filling abound in the bouquet. Copious in body, with heady alcohol, it is a turbocharged linebacker. Fortunately, the palate has an unusually scintillating point of acidity, despite the reserved tannins, which allows the finish to linger in notes of baked berries and plums. Its unctuous, bon vivant quality will make lots of friends. Drink now–2018.

abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$\$\$

RIBERA DEL DUERO

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92 Valdaya 2015 Mirum (Ribera del Duero). Tar black at the core, this sultry looking wine isn't very forthcoming on the nose—there are notes of blackberry and asphalt, but little else. Generous in body, with good extract and pleasantly mouthcoating glycerol, this is weighty and focused without being tiresome, thanks to the hard-working, well-integrated acidity and chewy tannins. The lingering blueberry finish is lovely. Great for a hearty meal, this also sips nicely on its own. There are layers yet to be revealed here, so holding it a few years wouldn't be a mistake. Drink now–2022.

abv: 14% **Price:** \$\$\$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Y Viñedos Escudero S.L.
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91 Eloy Escudero 2014 Crianza (Ribera del Duero). Somewhat aromatic on the nose, this wine has a hint of oxidation that isn't too bothersome. It's impressively ripe in black plum, cherry and dried fig character, with generous sweet spice. The full body is framed by lightly firm tannins and buoyant acidity. Though

definitely a ripe-leaning and exuberant sort of wine, this is nonetheless well balanced and pleasurable. Drink now—2020.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Valdaya
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91 Valdaya 2015 Ribera del Duero. This dark-colored wine is black at the core, with a pronounced magenta rim. The nose is seductively scented with smoky oak and incense as well as black cherry cobbler. The dense midpalate, packed with sloe jam, caramel and toasted oat, is perfect for hedonists. The medium-length finish is gripped by lightly firm tannins and brightening acidity, making this voluptuous bottling good for sipping as well as enjoying with a meal. Drink now—2020.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$\$\$

Company Name: Terra Furati SL
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90 Manuscrito 2014 Ribera del Duero. Smelling of pencil lead and tart black cherry, this wine seems to be hiding something on the nose. The palate opens up nicely, however, with wide array of non-fruit characters, including lavender, anise, nougat and tapioca. Supple and pliable on the medium-weight palate, the fine-grained tannins and supporting acidity give this just enough refreshment to keep one going back to the glass. The finish is medium in length, but the overall integration and pleasantly pure fruit concentration tick all the boxes. Drink now—2020.

abv: 14%

Price: \$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Y Viñedos Escudero S.L.
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89 Eloy Escudero 2014 Roble (Ribera del Duero). This dark, Marasca cherry-colored wine has a bright strawberry rim. Rather neutral on the nose, with only suspicions of forest berries, the palate is more forthcoming. Juicy at the core and succulent all-around, this sappy blueberry- and black-cherry-flavored wine is accented by vanilla and used Asam tea tones. Its lovely fruit core is drinking well now, and while it has moderately lifting acidity and lightly dry tannins to keep it in line for a while, there's no need to wait. Drink now—2018.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$

Company Name: El Ilusionista
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88 El Ilusionista 2016 Joven (Ribera del Duero). Overtly floral, with loads of black cherry and black plum scents, this medium-weight wine has a juicy fruit character framed by supporting acidity and mild tannins. Pure and youthful

in fruit character, this is an approachable, joyful glassful. Its heady aromas are too delightful to allow them to wear off, so don't delay in enjoying this lightly earthy and generously fruit-driven wine. It's perfect for the patio, a picnic or a light summer dinner. Drink now—2018.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$

Company Name: Puntal Cero S.L.
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86 Tilde 2011 Vendimia Seleccionada (Ribera del Duero). Jet black in color, this wine has a tiny magenta rim. The nose is replete with sweet spices and decadently ripe cherries. The palate echoes the nose, then brings in an unexpected, leathery note. It's becoming nonetheless, but it suggests—along with the modest finish—that this is a wine for early drinking, as do the soft acidity and papery tannins. It's fine for a casual sip, best enjoyed now—2018.

abv: 14.5%

Price: \$\$\$

RIOJA

Company Name: Viñedos de Alfaro S.A.
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89 Rodiles 2007 Reserva (Rioja). This wine is a beast of overt aromas. Smelling of peat fire, beef jerky, soy sauce, graphite and nougat, it is an aromatically crazy, exotic wine in a most fun way. The attack immediately saturates the palate with dense extract, truckloads of flavor and chunky tannins that are delightfully choppy and dusty. The acidity is supporting, though discreet, letting the tannins do the heavy lifting for this weighty wine. The fruit is deeply ripe, to the tune of showing some pruny flavors. Nonetheless, it's an overall attractive wine, with only lightly overt oak tones that many will thoroughly enjoy. Drink now—2019.

abv: 14%

Price: \$\$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Quiroga de Pablo
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88 Bodegas Quiroga de Pablo 2015 Rioja. Onyx black at the core, with purple streaking throughout, this wine has a reserved fruit nose, releasing only hints of black plum skin. More prominent are non-fruit aromatics of creosote and graphite. Dense in palate-saturating flavor, there is a strong minerality accompanied by roasted black plums and überripe black currants. Full bodied, with a lightly noticeable touch of alcohol, the whole package is nicely supported by tangy acidity and impressively rounded tannins. There's a lot of pep in this wine, and a bit of bottle age might do it good. Drink from late 2017 through 2020.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Cornelio Dinastía
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85 Cornelio 2014 Imperial Autor JM (Rioja). This wine has an exuberant and exotic oak-driven nose. The palate is drenched with baking rack spices and dense black fruits, especially berries and currants. There's very good fruit intensity here, showing in the solid finish. The oak tones, however, last even longer and, along with the jagged tannins and angular acidity, outshine the fruit on the palate. Nonetheless, the standout components may settle down with another six to twelve months. Drink 2018–2020.

abv: 14%

Price: \$\$\$

NAVARRA

Company Name: Bodegas Pagos de Araiz
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91 Blaneo NV Syrah (Navarra). This glass-staining wine has a miniscule, deep magenta rim. It's sexy, in an oak-forward way, with gobs of sweet spice, cracked black pepper, licorice, oil-cured olive, black plum, cassis and fresh black fig. It's solidly concentrated and focused, with compelling diversity and a medium-length finish. Though generous, the sculpted tannins are relatively soft, and the roaring but well-placed acidity is the structuring element of this wine. It likely won't make old bones, but it is smarty executed, serious and concentrated. Drink now–2021.

abv: 14%

Price: \$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Pagos de Araiz
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89 Pagos de Araiz 2015 Roble (Navarra). This wine is jet black in color, with a bold magenta rim and violet inflections. The nose is primal and pure, with fresh, youthful fruits including pithy black currants, sweet blackberries and sloe. Despite the full and muscular body, the attack is impressively fresh, thanks to invigorating acidity. The tannins feel gangly though they are fine-grained. Pure overall, this offers a moderate finish, with lovely sappiness. Drink now–2020.

abv: 14%

Price: \$

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88 Pagos de Araiz 2014 Crianza (Navarra). Carbon black at the core, this imposing wine offers oodles of sweet spice on the nose. The first impression shows it is seriously concentrated, with an almost oily texture. It's full bodied, with

rounded tannins, moderate acidity and vigorous baking spice. The medium-length finish shows it can be more than an easy sipper, but it currently drinks like that, thanks especially to its generous fruit core. It should pair well with anything straight off the barbecue. Drink now–2019.

abv: 14%

Price: \$

Company Name: Bodegas Piedemonte
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88 Piedemonte 2016 Gamma (Navarra). This wine is reserved on the nose, with minerals dominating an array of tart red and black fruit tones. It is a nicely clean and thirst-quenching refresher, with spice tones on the palate that continue through to the medium-length finish. It's surprisingly chiseled and lean in structure, offering very good balance. It's bright, tangy and crisp, especially for a hearty red, and would be a nice by-the-glass pour. Drink now–2019.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$

VALDEPEÑAS

Company Name: Bodegas Navarro Lopez, S.L.
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92 Don Aurelio 2014 La Elegancia Crianza Tempranillo (Valdepeñas). Broodingly black at the core, this wine has a full and concentrated black-fruit bouquet. The palate is thick and full bodied, with a dense texture and light glycerol. Happily, there's lovely and finely tuned acidic lift to keep the flavors of boysenberries, balsamic, allspice and burned sugar tasting vibrant. The very long finish suggests this wine has time to hold in bottle. There's no need to rush; drink through 2021.

abv: 13%

Price: \$

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87 Don Aurelio 2016 La Intuición Garnacha (Valdepeñas). Brilliant in black cherry color at the core, this wine graduates to a midsize magenta rim. The nose is somewhat shy, but pleasantly sappy and grapy. The palate amplifies the grapiness and layers on violets and lavender. The wine's soft tannins, lifting yet integrated acidity and original flavors make this a great red for casual sipping. There's just a touch of attractive, tannic pithiness on the finish. Its greatest pleasure may well be its joyously youthful character, so don't let its primary fruits fade. Drink now–2018.

abv: 13%

Price: \$

TIERRA DE CASTILLA Y LEÓN

Company Name: Bodegas Leda Viñas Viejas
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89 Leda 2014 Viñas Viejas Tempranillo (Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y León). This wine is deep black at the core, with magenta and purple hues throughout. The nose is very reserved in black fruit aromas, instead favoring forest floor and mineral tones. The palate reverts to fruitiness, with an explosion of cassis, elderberry, raisin and blackberry. The medium-length finish layers on decadent sweet spice to the fruity core. The body is full, with lax acidity and fresh, easygoing tannins. Drink now–2019.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$\$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Prieto Pariente
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85 Prieto Pariente 2014 El Origen de Prieto Pariente (Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y León). This wine is midnight black at the core. It has a reserved nose, with charcoal and pencil spearheading the aromas. The palate turns even darker, thick in black currant and plum skin flavors. Then, it hits with a significant impact of alcohol and an extravagantly rich and extracted palate. The mild acidity and mouthcoating, powdery tannins leave the wine feeling a bit flat. Drink now–2018.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$\$\$

OTHER RED WINES

Company Name: Bodegas Solar de Urbezo, S.L.
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89 Urbezo 2016 Viña Urbezo Cosecha (Cariñena). A purple-tinged magenta color at the core, this wine offers überfresh and highly enticing aromas of blueberries and boysenberries that are coupled with lilac and lavender. The palate is accessible and almost pillowy, with cuddly tannins and integrated but perfectly pitched acidity. There's a whisper of mouthcoating glycerol that carries the flavors into a medium-length finish. This is a very good medium-weight wine that is an ideal selection for everyday enjoyment and casual entertaining. Drink now–2019.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$\$

Company Name: Ntra. Sra. de Manjavacas
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89 Zagarrón 2014 Pausa (La Mancha). This wine is dark scarlet at the core, with a surprisingly neon-hued magenta rim and a bouquet full of

rich boysenberry and lilac aromas. The palate is saturated with fresh fruit, including copious quantities of blueberries that are accompanied by generous sprinkles of sweet spices. Tart açai notes lead into a medium-length finish. Clean, forward and smartly crafted, this may hold thanks to its lovely freshness, though there is little reason to wait to enjoy it. Drink now–2019.

abv: 13% **Price:** \$

Company Name: Cellers Terra i Vins SL
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86 Brúixola 2014 Priorat. This wine starts with a beetle shell-black core that leads to a nose of candied black cherry. The palate is ripe, but doesn't tip overboard into dried or preserved fruit characters. Straightforward, with flavors of cassis, licorice and minerals, this properly balanced, full-bodied wine has fresh acidity and almost pillowy tannins. Suavely crafted, this would be a solid wine for keyed-in retail or by the glass in restaurants. Drink now–2018.
abv: 14.5% **Price:** \$\$

Company Name: Terra Furati SL
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86 Manuscrito 2014 Graciano (Tierra de Castilla). Dark black at the core, this brooding wine has a deep, cherry-colored rim. Very reserved on the nose, it shows little more than coal and peat. The palate, however, is surprisingly fruit-driven, with tart blackberries and crunchy blackcurrants. While there's a big hit of flavor on the front palate, the finish is fast, though nicely minerally. Perky acidity and lightly stringing tannins give plenty of structural support and make this a wine best served with rich dishes. Drink now–2018.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$\$

SPAIN - WHITE WINES

RÍAS BAIXAS

Company Name: HGA Bodegas
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90 Pazo De Villarei 2016 Albariño (Rías Baixas). This wine's color looks like a ripe yellow plum. The nose is dramatically fragrant in notes of hay, white spring flowers, lush white peach, succulent yellow pear and delicate baking spices. Medium in body, with a hint of viscosity, this wine is full-throttle in likeability. While the mouthfeel is a bit sensuous, there's perky, almost chiseled acidity at the ready to pull the palate back into line. Drink now–2018.
abv: 13% **Price:** \$\$

Company Name: Notas Frutales de Albariño S.L.U.
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88 La Trucha 2016 Albariño (Rías Baixas). Brilliantly clear and deep yellow in color, this moderately fragrant white offers notes of yellow plum, white peach and straw. The palate tows the same line, but literally saturates the palate in typical Albariño flavors. The palate-caressing, lightly mouthcoating texture is nicely lifted by vibrant acidity. The medium-length finish is nuanced with a delightfully drying pithiness. This is a lively, youthful gulper. Drink now–2018.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$\$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Tullodouro
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87 Blanquito 2016 Rías Baixas. Pale lemon in color, this wine shows a light mineral character that's backed by scents of yuzu, leafy herbs and cactus. This wine's attack does just that, immediately spreading out and saturating the palate with flavors of wet stones, mirabelle plums and Poire Williams. Unoaked but full in flavor, it shows there is a satisfying middle ground between lean and mineral and sappy and oaky. It's just slightly watery on the moderate finish, but otherwise it ticks all the boxes. Drink now–2018.

abv: 13%

Price: \$

Company Name: Notas Frutales de Albariño
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86 Finca Garabelos 2015 Albariño (Rías Baixas). A gleaming straw-yellow color, this wine smells delightfully of aloe and dried lemon peel. The palate is a bit candied, with suggestions of lemon curd and lemon cough drops. The tangy acidity does a nice job of harnessing the medium-plus body and medium alcohol. It's not a thirst-quenching style, but it will pair beautifully at the table with richer foods, like the sweet meat of certain shellfish. Drink now–2018.

abv: 13.5%

Price: \$\$\$

TERRA ALTA

Company Name: Cellers Terra i Vins SL
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86 Flor de Nit 2016 White (Terra Alta). This wine is light yellow in color and has an open, fresh and floral nose. The palate is predominantly peachy, with both sweet spice and savory undertones. The moderately textured, medium-bodied

palate fills in with a salty minerality and a lively lemon core. With plentiful fresh-fruit tones and solid acidity, this would be great with a seafood fry. Drink now–2018.

abv: 13%

Price: \$

Company Name: Roqueta Origen
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85 Relat de La Picossa 2016 Garnacha Blanca (Terra Alta). This pale white wine with a large watery rim has a floral nose that's complimented by peak-of-season donut peaches and lemon curd. It sports a juicy, lively fruit core, with mouthwatering acidity. Though fairly low in alcohol, the mouthfeel is surprisingly coating and rich. The finish is only moderate in length and intensity, but there's good fruit purity here. It ticks all the boxes for a casual sipper. Drink now–2018.

abv: 12.5%

Price: \$\$

OTHER WHITE WINES

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90 Rodiles 2011 Reserva Viura (Rioja). Sexy, sultry and lingering on the palate, this seems old-school in style. It is rich and opulent in savory flavors, with dried apples and golden raisins fueling the highly dry and oxidative palate. The copious body has surprisingly moderate alcohol and very good acidic support. This may hold, but it won't develop further to benefit. This would be fantastic with a savory polenta dish! Drink now–2019.

abv: 12%

Price: \$\$\$

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87 Ponte da Boga 2016 G Godello (Ribeira Sacra). With an appearance of pale yellow-grapefruit pulp, this wine has an almost star-bright and glimmering appearance. It opens a bit sulphury on the nose, though it blows off quickly with a little air. The medium body and caressing viscosity combine to provide a lush palate feel. The medium-intense, integrated acidity provides just enough refreshment to tease out the various yellow-fruit flavors, like pomelo, lemon curd and yellow tomato. Harmonious and delightfully full of flavor, with no apparent oak, this should make many friends. Drink now–2018.

abv: 13%

Price: \$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Xaló
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85 Bodegas Xaló 2016 Bahía de Dénia Moscatel de Alejandría (Alicante-Marina Alta). This wine is incredibly pale in color, with a large, watery rim and lots of floral tones. The nose shows an impressive array of aromatics: steeped chamomile tea, tinned peaches and sherbet along with a less fortunate pop of lemon-scented furniture polish. It's an easygoing wine to consider for an apéritif or liquid dessert. It would also work nicely with a fresh fruit salad, as its sweetness is delicate and well-balanced. Drink now.
abv: 11% **Price:** \$\$

Company Name: Bodegas Cornelio Dinastía
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85 Cornelio 2015 Dinastía Blanco Fermentado en Barrica Viura (Rioja). This wine has a pleasantly oaky nose and a rather broad palate. It smells of sweet spice, vanilla extract and glazed almonds. The moderately intense though somewhat short flavors bring on toasted walnuts and orchard fruit. The vigorous, generous palate feels thick and cloying. While struggling with overall balance, the wine does have a solid medium-length finish. Drink now–2017.
abv: 14% **Price:** \$\$

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85 Sandogal 2016 N°1 White (La Mancha). This wine has a moderately aromatic nose, with scents of yellow apple skin and a touch of sweat. The palate is mildly concentrated in yellow apple and pear fruit flavors that end swiftly on the finish. There's a dose of sweet spice on the midpalate, and a faintly fatty quality to the mouthfeel. Simple but sippable (especially given its low alcohol), this would be good under a beach umbrella or under similarly casual circumstances. Drink now and through 2017.
abv: 11.5% **Price:** \$

SHERRY

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94 Fernández-Gao 1750 NV Oloroso (Jerez). Rich—even decadent—on the nose, this wine's intense, nuanced bouquet is packed with dried fruits and meaty walnuts. There's a hint of attractive high-toned notes that one expects in a well-aged Sherry. The palate delights with complex flavors of

caramel, sea salt, yellow raisins, Brazil nut and gingerbread. A light touch of heat is noticeable but not distracting on the epic finish. From start to finish, everything in this wine is well-appointed and decadently delicious. Drink now–2025.
abv: 21.5% **Price:** \$\$\$\$

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92 Fernández-Gao 1750 NV Palo Cortado (Jerez). This Sherry has a fiercely crackling, dry attack. The gorgeous nose of hay, beeswax, bamboo, honey, glazed marcona almonds and sesame seeds is intellectually intoxicating. Full in body, with a lightly waxy texture, the wine surprises with a pronounced structure. There's a salty, mouthwatering effect that enhances the medium acidity and tidies up the high alcohol. The lingering finish—like the rest of the wine—is super sexy and extremely versatile with savory foods. Drink now–2020.
abv: 21.5% **Price:** \$\$\$\$

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88 Fernández-Gao 1750 NV Medium Sweet Sherry (Jerez). This wine is slightly hazy in appearance, with a walnut pith-brown color. Its high-toned perfume offers raisins, gingerbread and maple syrup. It is full-bodied, with walnut, pecan and nougat flavors. The broad palate offers lovely density and though sweet, it isn't cloying. Rather, it is juicy and spicy, with the perfect measure of integrated acidity pulling the flavors into a medium finish. Drink now–2019.
abv: 17% **Price:** \$\$\$