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## Stephen Tanzer's International Wine Cellar - The Best New Wines from Spain, Part 2

*Tasting Notes by Josh Reynolds Sep/Oct 2009 - Great Values for \$20 & Under*

<b>2008 Altovinum Evodia, Calatayud</b>	<b>89 points</b>
"Extremely easy to drink, and offering excellent depth and clarity for the money."	
<b>2008 Bodegas Artazu Artazuri Tinto, Navarra</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Energetic, sharply focused...this is an outstanding value."	
<b>2007 Black Slate Porrera</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Silky and graceful but at the same time sharply focused."	
<b>2007 Black Slate Gratallops</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Sweet dark berry flavors are given spine and lift by juicy acidity and gain power with air"	
<b>2008 Burgans Albarino, Rias Baixas</b>	<b>89 points</b>
"Juicy and focused...I like this wine's blend of sweetness and cut."	
<b>2008 Casa Castillo Monastrell, Jumilla</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Lively and precise...this represents superb value.."	
<b>2007 Bodegas Castano Solanera, Yecla</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Very energetic and delicious right now."	
<b>2007 Celler de Capcanes Mas Donis Barrica, Montsant</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Highly alluring wine with lingering sweet notes of rose and red berries."	
<b>2008 Celler Gramona Gessami Blanco, Penedes</b>	<b>89 points</b>
"Fleshy and gently sweet... finishes with good spicy thrust"	
<b>2006 Creta CRETA, Ribera del Duero</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Excellent clarity, lift and thrust."	
<b>2007 Losada, Bierzo</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Tactile, dense and sweet but with a light touch, showing good energy."	
<b>2008 Pena das Donas Almalarga, Ribera Sacra</b>	<b>89 points</b>
"Intensely mineral aromas, dry but fleshy, with smooth, gently sweet honeydew and orange flavors."	
<b>2008 Pena das Donas Verdes Matas, Ribera Sacra</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"For a tangy wine this is surprisingly lush, almost creamy, with gentle tannins and good lingering sweetness. I really like this wine's blend of vivacity and roundness."	
<b>2008 Produccions A Modino Sanclodio, Ribeiro</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Suavely blends energy and richness, and finishes with very good lift and precision."	
<b>2008 Bodegas Rafael Palacios Louro do Bolo, Valdeorras</b>	<b>91 points</b>
"Deeply concentrated yet graceful."	
<b>2008 Sitios de Bodega Con Class Verdejo, Rueda</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Offers excellent clarity and finishing cut, echoing the lime and mineral notes."	
<b>2007 Bodegas Tomas Cusine El Vilosell, Costers del Segre</b>	<b>89 points</b>
"Deep, powerfully scented... becomes sweeter and more energetic"	
<b>2008 Bodegas Valdesil Val de Sil Valdeorras</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Powerful and concentrated but in no way heavy."	
<b>2008 Vila Viniteca El Perro Verde Rueda</b>	<b>90 points</b>
"Minerality resonates on the impressively precise and long finish."	