

## cut to the chase: 90+ under \$20

Casa Castillo Monastrell 2009	\$12	90pts
Bodegas Castano Solanera 2007	\$15	90pts
Creta Roble 2007	\$14	90pts
Bodegas Mustiguillo Mestis 2008	\$16	90pts
Cuatro Pasos 2008	\$13	90pts
Black Slate Gratallops 2007	\$20	91+pts
Villacreces Pruno 2008	\$20	91+pts

## BIG GUNS

<b>95</b>	<b>AALTO 2007</b> {Ribera del Duero} 100% Tinto Fino {Tempranillo}   24 months in French & American barrigue   40-100 year old vines "dense and opulent on the palate, this loaded effort is succulent, pure and exceptionally lengthy."
<b>98</b>	<b>CLOS ERAMUS 2007</b> {Priorat} 90% Garnacha & 10% Syrah   22 months in French oak   Biodynamic Farming "a benchmark against which all other Prioratos must be measured...a tour de force!"
<b>97</b>	<b>EL REVENTON 2008</b> {Castilla y Leon} 100% Garnacha   14 months in French oak   Jimenez-Landi/Raul Perez partnership elegant yet powerful with layers of fruit, considerable structure, and a very long finish"
<b>96</b>	<b>CANTOS DEL DIABLO 2008</b> {Mentrida} 100% Garnacha   14 months in French oak   only 200 bottles made   Biodynamic "enthraling, high-toned...sweet, rich, and amazingly concentrated...an already complex effort."
<b>95</b>	<b>MAS DOIX VV 2007</b> {Priorat} 50% Carinena & 50% Garnacha   16 months new French oak   80-100 year old vines "full-bodied, voluminous, plush wine with youthful personality and structure"
<b>95</b>	<b>NIT DE NIN 2007</b> {Priorat} 60% Garnacha & 40% Carinena   18 months in French oak   80-100 year old vines "dense and opulent...this loaded effort is succulent, pure and exceptionally lengthy"

## just slightly smaller guns that still pack a whallop

<b>94</b>	PRIORAT RIBERA DEL DUERO	Clos I Terrasses Laurel 2007 Terra de Verema Triumvirat 2008 Finca Villacreces 2006 Quinta Sardonía 2007
<b>93</b>	PRIORAT MENTRIDA	Roquers de Porrera 2007 Mas Doix Salanques 2007 Mas Alta La Creu Alta 2007 Jimenez Landi Sotorrondero 2008
<b>92</b>	PRIORAT RIBERA DEL DUERO RIOJA EL TERRERAZO	Mas Alta La Basseta 2007 Hacienda Monasterio 2007 Malpuesto 2007 (92+) Mustiguillo Finca Terrerazo 2007
<b>91</b>	ALICANTE RIOJA	Mira 2006 Orben 2007



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## BANG FOR YOUR BUCK

<b>La Huella de Adaras 2008</b>	\$12	88pts	"savory with excellent depth and length - crowd-pleaser"
<b>Alto Almazora Este 2008</b>	\$10	89pts	"supple, sweetly-fruited and forward - a tasty, friendly effort"
<b>Altovinum EVODIA 2009</b>	\$9	89pts	"surprisingly substantial - pleasure-bent - sells for a song"
<b>Celler Capcanes Mas Donis 2009</b>	\$13	89pts	"dense, spicy, concentrated and lengthy..."
<b>Casa Castillo Monastrell 2008</b>	\$12	88pts	"juicy and ripe with layers of fruit - will provide much pleasure"
<b>Bodegas Castano Hecula 2008</b>	\$11	89pts	"ripe, sweetly-fruited and forward - a crowd-pleaser"
<b>Bodegas Castano Monastrell 2009</b>	\$9	88pts	"super juicy - densely packed - pleasure bent"
<b>Celler Espelt Garnacha 2008</b>	\$11	88pts	"ripe, succulent flavors - forward personality - pleasure bent"
<b>Ercavio Tempranillo Roble 2008</b>	\$12	88pts	"dense with excellent volume - savory with structure"
<b>Celler Espelt Garnacha 2008</b>	\$11	88pts	"ripe, succulent flavors - forward personality - pleasure bent"

## { 2009 WHITES }

<b>Burgans Albarino</b>   90 pts	- 'one to buy by the case'
<b>Gramona Gessami</b>   89 pts	- 'exotic...kinky...refreshing'
<b>Rafael Palacios As Sortes</b>   93 pts	- 'amazing concentration...impeccable balance'
<b>Rafael Palacios Louro</b>   90 pts	- 'belies its modest price'
<b>Pazo Senorans Albarino</b>   93 pts	- 'outstanding'
<b>Pena das Donas Almalarga</b>   92 pts	- 'Chablis-like personality with extra dimension'
<b>Con Class Rueda</b>   88 pts	- 'dry...crisp...tasty'
<b>{plus a few 2008}</b>	
<b>Nun</b>   92 pts	- 'delightful freshness, serious depth'
<b>Ossian</b>   93 pts	- 'a Verdejo like no other'
<b>Val de Sil</b>   90 pts	- 'intense, balanced and exceptionally lengthy'
<b>{and one 2007}</b>	
<b>Pezas da Portela</b>   93 pts	- 'great concentration and layers of flavor'