

Regions of Castilla y León with Tim Atkin MW

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AIRES DE VENDIMIA MENCIA DE VALTUILLE 2018 BIERZO	<u>JOSE ANTONIO GARCIA</u>	JOSE ANTONIO GARCIA jose.viticultor@gmail.com	CARTE BLANCHE WINES	96	Made by José Antonio García, one of the rising stars of Bierzo, this superb old-vine blend of Mencía with 4% of other co-planted red and white varieties has lovely stemmy complexity from 100% whole bunches, graceful tannins, sweet wild strawberry fruit and levels of complexity that wouldn't look out of place in a Premier Cru Burgundy.
CARMELO RODERO RESERVA 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>BODEGAS RODERO</u>	MARIA RODERO RE-SPONSABLE VENTAS maria@bodegasrodero.com	H2VIN	95	This superb cuvée of Tempranillo with 10% Cabernet Sauvignon comes from 30-year-old vineyards in Pedrosa de Duero. Still youthful, with good further ageing potential, it's perfumed, intense and textured, with stylish coffee bean oak, plush cassis and blackberry fruit and very fine tannins.
FELIX CALLEJO 2016 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>BODEGAS FELIX CALLEJO</u>	CRISTINA CALLEJO cristina.callejo@bodegasfelixcallejo.com	ANTHONY BYRNE FINE WINES	94	With its instantly recognisable photographic label, this is always among the best wines in Ribera del Duero. Made from a single site in Sotillo de la Ribera, it's slightly less concentrated and forbidding than the 2015, reflecting the cooler 2016 vintage. Inky black fruit, fine tannins and a stylish patina of toasty oak are underpinned by acidity and considerable vivacity.
TRESMANO 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>LAGAR DE PROVENTUS</u>	LAURA DE MIGUEL reservas@tresmano.com	HALLGARTEN WINES	93	Rioja legend Fernando Remírez de Ganuza is one of the partners behind this full-bodied Tempranillo from mostly old vines in Olmedillo, Roa, La Horra, Moradillo, Pesquera and Peñafiel. Rich, powerful and made to age, it has sinewy tannins, dark damson and blackberry fruit and a backbone of acidity.
VIÑA MAGNA CRIANZA 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>DOMINIO BASCONCILLOS</u>	ANA DE JUAN anadejuan@dominiobasconcillos.com	CITY WINE COLLECTION	93	Combining Tinto Fino with 10% Cabernet Sauvignon, both from one of the coolest sites in Burgos, this is a superbly balanced Ribera that spends 14 months in new wood, but has the structure to cope. Polished and refined, with mint, cassis and chocolate flavours and racy, palate-cleansing acidity.

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DIAZ BAYO 20 MESES RESERVA 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>NUESTRO DE DIAZ BAYO</u>	ERVIGIO ADAN ervigio.adan@premiumfincas.com	L'ART DU VIN	92	As its name suggests, this pure Tempranillo from old-vine parcels at an average of 900 metres spend 20 months in French oak. Focused, fresh and refined, it has appealing flavours of blood orange and blackberry and tangy, chalky minerality.
EL SECRETO 2016 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>HIJOS DE ANTONIO BARCELO</u>	NOEMI CALARESU ncalaresu@grupobodegaspalacio.es	THE WINE SOCIETY	92	Pakackaged - unusually for Ribera del Duero - in a Burgundy bottle, this is a pan-regional expression on Tempranillo from old vine vineyards over 900 metres. Illustrating the freshness of the cooler 2016 vintage, it has raspberry and wild herbs flavours and plenty of supporting acidity.
ELÍAS MORA CRIANZA 2016 TORO	<u>ELIAS MORA</u>	CATALINA MADRA comercial@bodegaseliasmora.com	GEORGES BARBIER OF LONDON	92	This is "just" a Crianza, but it has lovely perfume, balance and precision, with chalky freshness and brightness, fine-boned tannins, violet and red berry fruit and the subtle dusting of French and American oak. Elegant, even at 15% alcohol.
NUMANTHIA 2015 TORO	<u>BODEGA NUMANTHIA</u>	SARAH BURGUE sburgue@numantia.com	MOËT HENNESSY UK LIMITED	92	Reflecting the cooler, later 2015 vintage, which produced more elegant (for Toro) reds, this 60% new wood-aged Tinta de Toro has the concentration of ungrafted bush vines, sweet bramble and blueberry fruit, subtle Mediterranean herbs, fine, scented cinnamon oak and refreshing, supporting acidity.
PROTOS 27 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>PROTOS BODEGA</u>	XIMENA LASA xlasa@bodegasprotos.com	BIBENDUM WINES	92	The old vine concentration is an excellent foil for the new French oak on this varietal Tempranillo. Reflecting the quality of the 2017 vintage, it's smooth, glossy and concentrated, offering layers of dark berry fruit and lovely freshness and focus. Superb wine.

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LEGARIS PARAMOS 2016 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>CODORNIU</u>	ANDREA CEREOZ DE LA CALLE a.cerezo@raventoacodorniu.com	CODORNIU UK	91	A tribute to the high altitude vineyards of Ribera, planted on moors known as "paramos", this comes from Roa, Peñafiel and Pesquera de Duero and is bright, tangy and fresh, with good underlying density, grippy tannins and deftly handled oak.
LOSADA 2018 BIERZO	<u>LOSADA VINOS DE FINCA</u>	MARÍA AÑIBARRO maria.anibarro@losadavinosdefinca.com	JASCOTS WINE MERCHANTS	91	Leavened with just 1% white Doña Blanca, this is an expressive Mencía that is blended across the Bierzo region. Lightly wooded, with flavours of liquorice and black cherry, plenty of stony acidity and fine-grained tannins. Vibrant and refreshing.
MATARROMERA CRIANZA 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>BODEGA MATARROMERA</u>	JAVIER RODRIGUEZ SEGUNDO jrs@matarromera.es	ENOTRIA & COE	91	Matarromera's Crianza is produced from fruit grown on the north side of the Duero river in Valbuena, Olivares and Pesquera and is a consistently enjoyable Tempranillo aged in French and American oak. Spicy, toasty and appealing, with granular tannins and plum, bramble and wild herb notes.
ALVIDES CRIANZA 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>CASADO ALVIDES</u>	JORGE HERRERAS info@divinoduero.com	GRAPE PASSIONS	89	Firm, rich and intensely colored, this is a bold, focused Tempranillo from vineyards at 850 metres. Sweetly if assertively wooded in French oak, it has good underlying acidity and freshness and bright blackberry and mocha flavours.
CASTILLO DE MONTE LA REINA CUVÉE PRIVÉE 2015 TORO	<u>BODEGAS MONTE LA REINA</u>	TERESA FOLGADO export@montelareina.com	EXPERIENCE WINE	89	Picked late for intensity and aged for 14 months in Caucasian oak barrels, this is a jammy, supple, well-upholstered style of Toro showing flavours of mulberry, fig and baking spices and ripe, textured tannins.

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CRUZ DE ALBA CRIANZA 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>CRUZ DE ALBA</u>	CAROLINA SANZ carolina.sanz@ zamoracompany.com	ENOTRIA	89	Open, fruity and comparatively forward for a young Ribera del Duero, sporting a winning combination of mostly French and some American oak, lots of plush red berry fruit and some sweet coconut and vanilla spice. Easy to drink.
LLEIROSO RESERVA SERGIO HERNÁNDEZ 2014 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>BODEGAS LLEIROSO</u>	NOEMÍ SANDE CAAMANO N.SANDE@ BORNOSBODEGAS.COM	WINE IMPORTERS	89	It's good to see a Ribera in the market place from an older vintage, especially the more elegant 2014 harvest. This comes from comparatively low vineyards for Ribera, but is an attractive, floral, balsamic style with stylishly integrated oak
MONTEABELLON 14 MESES 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>BODEGAS Y VIÑEDOS MONTEABELLON</u>	LIOLA HERNÁNDEZ IRUZUBIETA liola@monteabellon.com	CARSON & CARNEVALE WINES	89	Dense and concentrated, this Nava de Roa Tinto Fino is rich, oaky and ripe with fig and balsamic flavours, plenty of sweet Asian spices and a firmish backbone of tannin. Needs more time.
PRADOREY FINCA LA MINA 2015 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>REAL SITIO DE VENTOSILLA</u>	MARIA ACHIRICA maria.achirica@ pradorey.com	C&D WINES	89	Marrying Tempranillo with 3% Cabernet Sauvignon and 2% Merlot, all of it from Finca La Mina in Gumiel de Mercado, this is spicy, concentrated and well-balanced, showing a leafy undertone, stylish oak and a firm, balsamic finish.
VALPARAÍSO ROBLE 2018 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>BODEGAS VALPARAISO</u>	YOLANDA MARTIN yolanda.martin@ grupoeguizabal.com	A & A WINES	89	The oak is a little assertive on this pure Tempranillo from 60-year-old vines, but it delivers a lot of flavour at the price. Intense, cherry and vanilla spicy, with bright acidity and layered, creamy blackberry and fennel flavours.

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ARROCAL PASSION 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>BODEGAS ARROCAL</u>	LAURA HOYOS export@arrocal.com	WINE STORY	87	Open, fruity and comparatively forward for a young Ribera del Duero, sporting a winning combination of mostly French and some American oak, lots of plush red berry fruit and some sweet coconut and vanilla spice. Easy to drink.
MARTÍN BERDUGO CRIANZA 2017 RIBERA DEL DUERO	<u>BODEGA Y VIÑEDOS MARTIN BERDUGO</u>	MAIRE KEARY export@martinberdugo.com	MORGNROT	87	It's good to see a Ribera in the market place from an older vintage, especially the more elegant 2014 harvest. This comes from comparatively low vineyards for Ribera, but is an attractive, floral, balsamic style with stylishly integrated oak
OROT JOVEN 2018 TORO	<u>BODEGAS TORESANAS</u>	NOEMÍ SANDE CAAMANO N.SANDE@BORNOSBODEGAS.COM	WINE IMPORTERS	86	Dense and concentrated, this Nava de Roa Tinto Fino is rich, oaky and ripe with fig and balsamic flavours, plenty of sweet Asian spices and a firmish backbone of tannin. Needs more time.