

Top Whites from NW Spain with Tim Atkin MW

WINE	PRODUCER	CONTACT	UK STOCKISTS	POINTS	TIM'S TASTING NOTES
CÁMBRICO RUFETE BLANCO GRANITO 2017	<u>VIÑAS DEL CAMBRICO</u>	FERNANDO MÁILLO FERRÁN info@cambrico.com	BERKMANN WINE CELLARS	94	Made with organic grapes grown on granite soils in the little known Sierra de Francia at 700 metres, this is a very rare Spanish white with incredible texture, focus and minerality, especially at only 12.5% alcohol. Salty, yeasty and beeswaxy, with a bracing, mouthwatering finish.
JOSÉ PARIENTE 'FERMENTADO EN BARRICA' 2018	<u>BODEGAS JOSE PARIENTE</u>	ENRIQUE GARCIA ARRIBAS export@josepariente.com	GEORGE BARBIER OF LONDON	94	The most "Burgundian" of Verdejos and a wine that wouldn't look out of place in a line up of top Côte de Beaune whites, this is a wonderfully structured, deftly oaked cuvée that combines kitchen spices with pear, citrus and fresh bread flavours and the intensity and focus to develop more layers with age.
BLANCO NIEVA PIE FRANCO 2019	<u>WINE NIEVA</u>	MANUEL GONZALEZ calidad@martue.com	BURRIDGES OF ARLINGTON ST	93	Old, ungrafted vines supply the fruit for this high-altitude Verdejo, sourced from vineyards at 900 metres. Pear, fennel and orange zest flavours are supported by vivid acidity and a hint of nutty bitterness.
CUATRO RAYAS VIÑEDOS CENTENARIOS 2019	<u>BODEGA CUATRO RAYAS</u>	RAQUEL FERNANDEZ europa@cuatorrayas.es	BIBENDUM	93	Superb, lightly wooded Verdejo from 100-year-old vines that shows both concentration and freshness. Pink grapefruit and wild herb notes combine thrillingly on the palate with a salty finish and a hint of vanilla spice.
FINCA MONTEPEDROSO 2019	<u>FINCA MONTEPEDROSO</u>	ENCARNA GARCÍA / KARIN NYLUND comunicacion@bujanda.com	BERKMANN WINE CELLARS	92	Made to age in bottle, this is still youthful but will develop further over the next five years. Salty and intense, with crunchy green and apple and lime flavours, some texture from ageing on lees and impressive depth and concentration.

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HARENNA 18 FERMENTADO EN ÁNFORA 2018	<u>BODEGAS GARCIAREVALO</u>	ANTONIO AREVALO a.arevalo@garciarevalo.com	WINE SOCIETY	92	Showing the medium straw colour you'd expect after 48 hours of skin contact, this amphora-fermented Verdejo is intense and well structured, with mouthwatering acidity, top notes of white flowers, good underlying grip and a bracingly zesty finish.
PITA FINCA LA CANTERA 2016	<u>VIÑEDOS VERDERRUBI</u>	EMILIO JOSE PITA GIL emilio.pita@verderrubi.com	RAYMOND REYNOLDS	91	It's a pleasure to come across a Verdejo with some bottle age, given the overwhelming tendency to drink the variety young. This organic example has plenty of colour, a sheen of toasty oak, flavours of lanolin, honey and citrus and a bitter twist.
DIEZ SIGLOS VERDEJO 2019	<u>DIEZ SIGLOS DE VERDEJO</u>	MIGUEL RENEDO EXPORT@DIEZSIGLOS.ES	BOUTINOT	90	Picked at night to maintain freshness and purity, this is an intensely fruity Verdejo with flavours of lemon, lime and nectarine, zesty acidity and a twist of Mediterranean herbs.
HACIENDA EL TERNERO (BARREL FERMENTED WHITE) 2017	<u>VIÑEDOS DEL TERNERO</u>	NEREA GARCÍA- ALCUBILLA DE LUIS nerea@elternero.com	ELLIS OF RICHMOND	90	Unique rare in Rioja, given its location in Burgos, this is a barrel-fermented Viura from a very cool site, with racy acidity, citrus fruit purity, some cinnamon spice from four months in wood and a long, savoury finish.
ISABELINO 2019	<u>BODEGAS REINA DE CASTILLA</u>	JORGE HERRERAS info@divinoduero.com	THE VINTNER	89	Aromatic, pungent Verdejo with layers of pear, citrus and white peach flavours, some creamy undertones and a fresh, tany, lemongrass-like finish.

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SHAYA 2019	<u>BODEGAS SHAYA</u>	ALBERTO HERNÁNDEZ TORÍO alberto.hernandez@gilfamily.es	WINE BUYERS	89	Textbook, old-vine Verdejo with the emphasis very much on fruit concentration. Citrus, pear and green apple flavours mingle appealingly on the palate, complemented by a bitter twist.
CASTELO DE MEDINA SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019	<u>BODEGAS CASTELO DE MEDINA</u>	MARIANO DE JUAN EXPORT@ CASTELODEMEDINA.COM	MORGENROT	88	Intense Sauvignon Blanc with the emphasis on tropical rather than citrus fruit flavours, good weight and texture and notes of papaya and guava freshened by minerality and acidity.
LISONJA VERDEJO 2019	<u>HIJOS DE ALBERTO GUTIERREZ</u>	ANGELES JIMENEZ ALONSO export@dealberto.com	HUMBLE GRAPES	87	Juicy, sappy, mouth-watering Verdejo in an attractive package, with citrus, aniseed and fresh straw notes and a bracingly refreshing finish.
PALACIO DE BORNOS SAUVIGNON BLANC 2019	<u>BODEGA DE SARRIA</u>	FLORENCE BAYLE f.bayle@bornosbodegas.com	C&D WINES	87	Youthful, tangy, gooseberry and passion fruit-led Sauvignon Blanc with undertones of lychee and fresh sweat and a hint of bitterness.
VIÑA ALBINA VERDEJO 2019	<u>BODEGAS VIORE</u>	DAVE ROLES daveroles@bodegasriojanas.com	HAYWARDS	86	Pleasant, if slightly evolved, showing quite a bit of colour for a young wine. Quince, pear and lemon zest flavours combine on the palate with a nip of tannic bitterness.