

## SPAIN

## White

**89 Joaquín Rebolledo Godello Valdeorras 2015 \$18** This white shows precision and balance, with fresh flavors of blanched almond, lime, fennel and mineral, focused by juicy acidity through the bright finish by citrus and floral details. Drink now. 8,333 cases made.—T.M.

**88 Belondrade y Lurton Rueda 2014 \$45** A silky texture carries light toasty and smoky notes that embellish the pear, melon and ginger flavors in this white. Harmonious, with some density. Drink now. 7,916 cases made.—T.M.

**88 Don Olegario Albariño Rias Baixas 2015 \$20** Crisp and refreshing, this light white shows peach, floral, ginger and briny flavors that mingle over bracing acidity. Racy, balanced and expressive. Drink now. 2,000 cases imported.—T.M.

**88 Bodegas Vetus Verdejo Rueda Flor de Vetus Old Vines 2015 \$15** Fresh and lively, this brisk white shows floral, lemon, fennel and briny flavors that mingle over citrusy acidity. Crisp yet expressive. Drink now. 6,627 cases made.—T.M.

**87 Bodegas 1898 Grenache Blanc Catalunya Sacacorcho 2014 \$18** This fleshy white shows fennel, ginger and beeswax flavors. More herbal than fruity, with a firm backbone of acidity. A bit reserved, but balanced and fresh. Drink now through 2018. 1,170 cases made.—T.M.

**87 Alta Alella Alella PB 2015 \$14** Green apple and grapefruit flavors are light, crisp and clean in this refreshing white. Wet stone and orange blossom notes add interest. Pansa Blanca. Drink now. 4,170 cases made.—T.M.

**87 Bodegas Castillo de Monjardin Chardonnay Navarra El Cerezo 2015 \$17** Fresh and focused, this lively white delivers sunny flavors of ripe apple, tangerine and almond, structured by crisp acidity that leaves a clean finish. Harmonious. Drink now. 1,200 cases imported.—T.M.

**87 Adegas Morgadió Albariño Rias Baixas 2015 \$18** The peach and apricot flavors are ripe and expressive in this round, tender white. Floral and light vanilla notes add a hint of sweetness, but there's enough acidity for balance. Drink now. 8,000 cases made.—T.M.

**87 Portai del Montsant Montsant White Santbrú 2012 \$32** This generous white offers dried pear, coconut, ginger and vanilla flavors, with firm acidity and a touch of tannins. A bit blowsy, but has depth. The spicy finish lingers. Distinctive. Drink now. 1,500 cases made.—T.M.

**87 Bodegas Valduero Albillo Viño de la Tierra de Castilla y León Yunquera 2015 \$19** Offering peach and lilac aromas, this lively white adds grapefruit and ginger notes on the palate, with lively, tangy acidity providing power through the ginger finish. Not complex, but has good energy. Drink now through 2018. 4,000 cases made.—T.M.

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## Other

**95 Bodegas y Viñedos Maurodos Toro San Román 2012 \$65** See Highly Recommended, page 165.

**92 Bodegas Gutierrez de la Vega Monastrell Alicante Recóndita Armonía 2013 \$31/500ml** This sweet red shows sugar plum, candied licorice, chocolate and marzipan flavors that mingle harmoniously, kept lively by orange peel acidity. Balanced, this marries generosity and delicacy. Drink now through 2020. 830 cases made.—T.M.

**92 Losada Vinos de Finca Bierzo 2012 \$21** This polished red offers black cherry, blackberry, blood orange and vanilla flavors, fresh and expressive, with light, firm

tannins and tangerine acidity. Shows density and balance, delivering an enticing floral finish. Drink now through 2022. 7,000 cases made.—T.M.

**90 Buil & Giné Toro Buil 2013 \$37** This generous red delivers ripe blackberry fruit and toasty oak, accented by fresh herb, black olive and loam notes. Features a round texture, with firm tannins and balsamic acidity for structure. Drink now through 2023. 1,000 cases made.—T.M.

**90 Losada Vinos de Finca Bierzo Altos de Losada La Bienquerida 2013 \$56** Cherry and rooty notes impart a clean, slightly bitter frame to the core of black cherry, blood orange and clove flavors in this focused red. Balsamic acidity keeps this lively. Not powerful, but energetic. Drink now through 2020. 260 cases made.—T.M.

**90 Tradició Pons Costers del Segre Clos Pons Alges 2011 \$21** A smooth texture carries harmonious flavors of plum, dried cherry, bitter herbs and dark chocolate in this polished red. Well-integrated tannins and acidity impart balance through the tobacco-scented finish. Tempranillo, Syrah and Garnacha. Drink now through 2021. 8,300 cases made.—T.M.

**89 Herència Altés Terra Alta L'Estel 2014 \$20** Alluring notes of orange, lilac and spice frame juicy black cherry fruit in this lively red. Bright acidity and light tannins impart focus and enough structure for food. Garnatxa Negra, Syrah and Samsó. Drink now through 2018. 1,200 cases made.—T.M.

**89 Bodegas y Viñedos Maurodos Toro Prima 2013 \$24** This thick red delivers plum, coffee, loamy and licorice flavors, with solid tannins and muted acidity. Dense and muscular, in a rustic style. Drink now through 2023. 13,333 cases made.—T.M.

**89 Bodegas y Viñedos El Sequé Monastrell Alicante 2013 \$42** This juicy red marries a round texture with lively acidity, imparting generosity without heaviness. Lively black cherry, plum, clove and chocolate flavors mingle over light tannins. Expressive and harmonious. Drink now through 2020. 100 cases imported.—T.M.

**88 Finca Bacara Monastrell-Syrah Jumilla Chopo 2014 \$15** Plum and currant fruit mingles with licorice, black olive and loamy earth notes in this solid red. Lively acidity balances the firm tannins. Shows balance and drive. Drink now through 2022. 700 cases made.—T.M.

**87 Codorníu Brut Nature Chardonnay Cava Gran Codorníu Reserva NV \$20** Petrol and rubber notes lead to aromas and flavors of raw almond, Honey-crisp apple, mandarin orange peel and sea salt in this austere cava, which ends with a zesty, lingering finish. Drink now. 1,200 cases imported.—A.N.

**87 Codorníu Brut Rosé Pinot Noir Cava Gran Codorníu 2013 \$20** There's good verve to this creamy rosé, which offers a subtle mix of white cherry, blanched almond, singed orange peel and star anise. Zesty. Drink now. 1,200 cases imported.—A.N.

**87 Bodegas Príncipe de Viana Garnacha Navarra Rosado 2015 \$8** This dry rosé is deep in color and rich in flavor, with cherry and watermelon fruit deepened by herbal and spice notes. Fresh acidity keeps this lively. In the traditional style. Drink now. 27,300 cases made.—T.M.

**87 Bodegas Príncipe de Viana Navarra Edición Rosa 2015 \$18** This dry rosé offers lively berry, watermelon and peach flavors, backed by crisp acidity. Well-balanced, with a clean finish. In the Provence style. Drink now. 2,000 cases made.—T.M.

**86 Cigaleña Cigales Rosado Hiriart La'Grima 2015 \$7** This rosé shows good structure, with grip and freshness supporting the cherry, leafy and orange peel flavors. Can match with food. Drink now. 5,000 cases made.—T.M.

**86 Codorníu Brut Blanc de I de Codorníu Reserva NV \$15** accents of rubber and honey lacing ye blossom flavors. Lip-smacking, with on the finish. Drink now. 35,000 cas

**85 Vicente Gandía Moscate Nova 2015 \$13/500ml** A silky to sive flavors of rose, orange blossom, this sweet white. Alluring, as much Drink now. 50,000 cases made.—T.M.

**85 Herència Altés Garnatxa 2015 \$12** Black cherry, olive, li notes mingle in this lively red. Fresh nins lend this just enough structure the fruit. Drink now. 25,000 cases m

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## CALIFORNIA

## Cabernet Sauvignon &amp;

**94 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer To Kalon Vineyard Collectibles, page 165.**

**92 Alpha Omega Proprietary 2013 \$98** Hides tannic muscle a core of anise, black licorice, dusty he A style well-suited for hearty fare and ernet Sauvignon, Cabernet Franc, Pe lot. Drink now through 2026. 2,500

**92 Coup de Foudre Cabernet Sauvignon Valley 2013 \$95** Aromatically pu floral-scented plum and wild berry pleasantly supple and mildly grippin offer the kind of compelling depth : seeks in fine Cabernet. Drink now cases made.—J.L.

**92 Paul Hobbs Cabernet Sauvignon Beckstoffer Dr. Crane Vineyard** is tannic at points, yet notably co in texture and aroma, delivering a su anise, dried berry, cedary oak, tobacc the aftertaste. Drink now through made.—J.L.

**92 Pott Cabernet Sauvignon Majesty's Secret Service Stage 2013 \$125** Weaves together a ch of currant, herb, tobacco, mocha, cru tar notes that hang through the lon Drink now through 2026. 63 cases m

**91 The Bridge Cabernet Sauvignon Valley Farrow Ranch 2013 \$100** ing mix of juicy red berry fruit with : of anise, gravelly earth, tobacco le: Shows good length, and should gain through 2024. 306 cases made.—J.L.

**91 Kendall-Jackson Cabernet Sauvignon Valley Jackson Estate Ha 2012 \$55** Charming, with a mix e and hot brick flavors, fine-grained tam of gravelly tobacco. Gains depth and ish. Drink now through 2026. 3,202.

**90 Hall Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Ellie's 2013 \$80** Rich and juicy, with a zesty core of blackberry, wild berry, spice, cedary oak and anise. Broad and expansive on the palate, long and lingering in the mouth. Drink now through 2024. 4,186 cases made.—J.L.