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Introduction

The Ribera del Duero DO (Denominación de Origen) has over 250 wineries. Of this number about 100 export wines to the United States. A substantial number of wineries would like to export wines to the US but have not yet found the right importer. This includes some wineries that previously exported wines to the US but do not currently do so.

With the creation of a new “*Drink Ribera. Drink Spain*” campaign in the United States to promote the wines of Ribera del Duero, the *International Wine Review* (IWR) was requested by the Consejo Regulador of Ribera del Duero to evaluate more than 200 wines seeking U.S. importers and trade partners. The tasting notes and ratings of these wines follow below. To our knowledge, these wines are not currently being imported to the US. There may be a few producers who have found importers since we completed our tasting.

For this exercise, we use the same 100 point scale that we always use in evaluating wines; we do not report wine scoring less than 85 points. Our evaluations of the wines reported here range from 85 to 91+. In Annex I to this report we provide listings of these wines in terms of quality and export potential. Since these wines are not currently imported, we do not report prices, and we cannot make statements about the value (i.e., quality to price ratio) of these wines. Obviously, the value of wines is extremely important to their success in the crowded US marketplace. However, there are several wines scoring above 90 points that should be made available to US consumers almost irrespective of price. These excellent wines are listed in the following table.

Wine	Score
Abadia de Acon 2005 Crianza	90+
Abadia de Acon 2005 Targum	92
Bodega Y Vinedo Fuentecen 20006 Llanum Vendimia Seleccionada	91
Bodegas Grup Yllera 2004 Bracamonte Crianza	91
Bodegas Pscual 2004 Didoror Autor	92
Bodegas Rodero 2006 Carmelo Rodero Crianza	91
Bodegas ‘San roque de la Encina’ 2005 Xerus	90+
Torres de Anguix 2001 D’Anguix Reserva	91

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Tasting Notes and Ratings

A-B



Abadía de Acon 2004 Acón Reserva Ribera del Duero (89)

The 2004 Reserva displays an opaque ruby color and aromas of black fruit and charred oak. It has a savory attack of roasted meats, blackberry fruit, spices and licorice notes. Well balanced with a long finish, it is drinkable now but should improve with age.

Abadía de Acon 2005 Crianza Ribera del Duero (90+)

The Crianza displays an opaque ruby color and aromas of black fruit, leather and cedar. It is velvety smooth on the palate with ripe and concentrated black cherry flavor, perfect balance, polished tannins, and a long finish. A lovely wine.

Abadía de Acon 2005 Targum Ribera del Duero (92)

The 2005 Targum is a wine of power and elegance. Opaque ruby in color, it offers aromas of black cherry fruit, roasted meat, leather, and charred oak spice. On the palate, it is velvety smooth and perfectly balanced, with complex layers of fruit, earth, mocha, and oak. Drinkable now, but also ageworthy.

Alberto y Benito 2004 Briego Fiel Ribera del Duero (90)

The 2004 Briego Fiel is a beautifully crafted wine offering bold red and black fruit aromas and flavors. Aged for 24 months in French and American oak, it is creamy smooth, beautifully balanced and elegant with ripe tannins and a firm finish.

Alberto y Benito 2007 Briego Roble Ribera del Duero (87)

The Roble spends 6 months in American oak. It displays a medium ruby color and red and black berry fruit with a touch of spice on the nose. It is very approachable with fresh fruit and good acidity on the palate. Easy drinking.

Alberto y Benito 2006 Tiempo Briego Ribera del Duero (90)

This is an opaque ruby colored wine with aromas of ripe plum and black cherry fruit, earth, mushrooms and charred oak. Aged in French and American oak, it offers a fleshy palate of concentrated dark fruit flavors, herbs, beautiful structure and balance, soft tannins and a long finish.



Aldekoa S. Coop. 2006 Pérez Veros Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

The 2006 Crianza offers spicy red and blackberry aromas that are mirrored on the palate. Aged for 12 months in French oak, it has a soft and velvety smooth attack with dark berry fruit on the palate. The tannins are firm and the finish sustaining.

Aldekoa S. Coop. 2006 Pérez Veros Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

This is an attractive Roble with a red ruby color and a spicy cranberry fruit nose. It offers pure red berry fruit on the palate with a silky mouth feel and fine grained tannins on the finish. Delicious.



Anta Banderas 2007 ANTA 4 Ribera del Duero (88)

The ANTA 4 is fresh, youthful and fruit forward. It offers aromas of red berries, ripe plum and vanilla. Aged for 6 months in French oak, it is sweet on the attack and shows good depth of flavor and elegance on the palate with a soft texture and round tannins.

Anta Banderas 2006 ANTA 10 Ribera del Duero (87)

The Anta 10 offers aromas of fresh raspberry and red berry fruit followed by a soft attack with only moderate fruit intensity on the palate. It has round tannins, good balance and is drinkable now.

Anta Banderas 2006 ANTA 16 Ribera del Duero (89)

The medium ruby purple ANTA 16 is the best of this trio. It is a blend of 80% Tempranillo, 17% Cabernet Sauvignon and 3% Merlot. Aged for 15 months in new French oak, it offers aromas of red fruit, black currants, and oak that are mirrored on the palate with notes of chocolate and mocha. It has a silky texture, good balance and structure. It is drinkable now, but will improve with age.



Antonio Alcubilla López 2007 Majuelo Sancosme Tinto Ribera del Duero (86)

This 2007 Tinto has a medium ruby color and muted aromas of red raspberry fruit and spice. On the palate it displays moderate fruit flavors with firm tannins and a short finish.

Antonio Alcubilla López 2007 Majuelo Sancosme Roble Ribera del Duero (87+)

Medium ruby purple, this youthful Roble has a muted nose of blackberry and plum fruit and oak spice. It is soft and lush on the attack followed by a nicely balanced palate, ripe tannins and a long finish. A better effort than the 2007 Tinto.



Bodegas Arco de Curiel 2008 Joven Ribera del Duero (88)

This Joven displays a dark ruby hue and has aromas of fresh red plums which are mirrored on the palate. Aged for 6 months in French and American oak, it has a soft attack, good acidity and overall freshness.

Bodegas Arco de Curiel 2007 Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

The Roble displays fragrant aromas of blackberry fruit on the nose followed by a soft attack of velvety smooth ripe fruit flavors, round tannins, excellent balance and a nice finish.

Bodegas Arco de Curiel 2004 Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

Medium dark ruby, this Crianza displays a complex bouquet of black fruit with a touch of balsamic and spice. Aged for 12 months in French and American oak, it shows blackberry fruit, tobacco and forest floor on the palate, finishing long with tannic grip.



Benito Rodrigo 2006 12 Tablas Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

The 12 Tablas Crianza offers a medium ruby color with aromas of dark cherry fruit, vanilla, earth and forest floor. On the palate it boasts a creamy mouth feel with slightly reductive raspberry fruit flavors, and a firm finish.

Benito Rodrigo S.L. 2006 El Callejón Ribera del Duero (88)

Medium dark ruby, this Roble exhibits aromas of fresh red and blackberry fruit. Aged for 6 months in oak and nicely balanced, it offer an attack of delicious red berry fruit, coffee and oak spice on the mid-palate followed by firm tannins and a long fruit rich finish.



Bodegas Briones Baniandrés 2007 Apricus Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

The Apricus Roble has a dark ruby color and is rather earthy in character with aromas and flavors of forest floor, mushroom and red dried fruits. Aged for 4-5 months in oak, it exhibits some astringency on the mid-palate but otherwise has a long pleasant finish.

Bodegas Briones Baniandrés 2007 Apricus Joven Ribera del Duero (89)

The 2007 Apricus is dark ruby in color and offer fragrant aromas of fresh black cherry, herbs, and sweet oak. It has a velvety smooth palate with good intensity of fruit flavor, ripe round tannins and a long finish. Drinking beautifully now, it will likely last for another 3-5 years.

Bodegas Briones Baniandrés 2007 Apricus Sensus Ribera del Duero (90)

The 2007 Apricus Sensus is the most stylish wine of the trio. It offers very ripe plum and black fruit flavors with hints of chocolate and espresso. Aged for 17 months in oak, it exhibits a soft and creamy mouth feel with nicely integrated oak, followed by well- honed tannins and a long finish.

C-D



Bodegas Castillo de Gumiel 2006 El Silencio de Valdiruela Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

The 2006 Crianza boasts a medium ruby color and aromas of black and red fruit and oak on the nose. On the palate it reveals spicy plum fruit with prominent sweet oak flavors and ripe tannins through to the finish.

Bodegas Castillo de Gumiel 2006 El Silencio de Valdiruela Roble Ribera del Duero (85)

A dark ruby garnet wine, with aromas of dark cherry fruit and oak on the nose. Soft and simple on the palate with high acidity on the finish.



Cocope S.C. 2005 1492 Santafé Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

This dark ruby colored Crianza offers aromas of black cherry, toasted oak, with earthy hints of mushroom, forest floor and loam. The palate reveals good depth of cola and coconut flavors with tannic grip and a firm fini

Cocope S.C. 2007 Vallis Tolitum Joven Ribera del Duero (87+)

This Joven is a blend of 80% Tempranillo and 20% Cabernet Sauvignon. It boasts red and black spicy fruit on the nose and on the palate. It has a fresh and vibrant character with good acidity, firm ripe tannins, and a long finish.

Dehesa de Valdelaguna R.A. 2006 Ribera del Duero (85)

The dark ruby R.A. displays muted aromas of black fruit, with notes of roasted meat and toast. This is followed by a very dry and lightly fruited mid-palate, formidable tannins and a short finish.



Dehesa de Valdelaguna 2007 Montelaguna Ribera del Duero (88)

This is a nicely crafted Tinto offering ripe dark cherry fruit and spice on the nose with a touch of coffee. Aged for 6 months in oak, it displays excellent balance, good acidity and tannic grip on the palate. Still young, this wine could benefit from another 6-12 months in the bottle.

Bodegas Díez Llorente 2008 Señorío de Brenda Joven Ribera del Duero (85)

The medium-dark ruby Joven exhibits dark plum tank aromas on the nose that are mirrored on the palate. The attack is dry with gripping tannins followed by a slightly astringent aftertaste.



Bodegas Díez Llorente 2007 Díez Llorente Roble Ribera del Duero (87)

This Roble displays an opaque ruby purple hue and has ripe plum and spice aromas with notes of cedar on the nose. Aged for 6 months in oak, it reveals very soft plum fruit flavors on a velvet palate with fine grained tannins and a lush finish.

Bodegas Díez Llorente 2005 Díez Llorente Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

This attractive 2005 Crianza sports a sweet floral nose of dark cherry and cola and has a nice soft attack of ripe fruit and secondary flavors with balsamic and herbs on the palate. The wine is well balanced and has a long finish.

E-F



**El Lagar
de Isilla**

Bodegas El Lagar de Isilla 2007 Roble Ribera del Duero (87)

This ruby purple Roble offers aromas of ripe raspberry and plum on the nose and moderate fruit flavors with herbal notes on the palate. The tannins are slightly dry and the finish is short. Drink now.

Bodegas El Lagar de Isilla 2006 Vendimia Seleccionada Ribera del Duero (89+)

The dark ruby purple Vendimia Seleccionada displays fragrant blackberry aromas and toasted oak on the nose. On the palate it reveals velvety smooth and concentrated black fruit flavors with nicely integrated oak. Beautifully balanced with firm round tannins, it has plenty of substance. While it can be consumed now, it will likely improve in the bottle over the next few years.

Bodegas El Lagar de Isilla 2004 Reserva Ribera del Duero (89)

The Reserva displays attractive aromas of blackberry compote and sweet charred oak with herbal notes. Aged for 18 months in French oak, it is soft on the attack with concentrated black fruit and nicely integrated oak flavors on the mid-palate along with some tannic grip and a nice long finish.

Campos Góticos



Finca Campos Góticos 2006 Tempranillo Roble Ribera del Duero (86)

The 2006 Tempranillo sports a nose of fresh raspberries and plums. On the palate it has a soft texture, light fruit, good acidity and a short finish.

Finca Campos Góticos 2004 Campos Góticos Crianza Ribera del Duero (90)

This is a lovely Crianza offering ripe and fragrant blackberry and plum fruit on the palate followed by a soft attack of ripe velvety fruit on the palate. Aged for 12 months in oak, the fruit and oak are beautifully integrated with considerable elegance, and there are polished tannins leading to a long firm finish.

Bodega y Viñedo Fuentecén 2008 Hemar Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

This Roble sports a youthful ruby purple color and fragrant dark berry/raspberry aromas on the nose. On the palate it shows more dark fruit and notes of violets, ripe tannins, good acidity, and a firm finish.



Bodega y Viñedo Fuentesecén 2006 Hemar Crianza Ribera del Duero (86)

This rustic Crianza has a medium dark ruby color and aromas of red and black fruit and cedar notes. The wine has a sweet attack of dried earthy fruit flavors and a dry finish.

Bodega y Viñedo Fuentesecén 2006 Llanum Vendimia Seleccionada Ribera del Duero (91)

This dark ruby Vendimia Seleccionada offers attractive ripe black cherry and cedar aromas on the nose. Aged for 18 months in oak, it is silky soft on the palate with nicely concentrated velvety fruit, beautifully integrated oak, round ripe tannins and a terrific long finish.

G-L



Bodegas y Viñedos Gallego Zapatero 2007 Yotuel Roble Ribera del Duero (87)

This is a youthful bottling offering fragrant dark red berry fruit and spice on the nose with a soft attack and good concentration of dark fruit flavors and licorice notes on the palate. Somewhat dry and astringent on the finish.

Bodegas y Viñedos Gallego Zapatero 2006 Yotuel Viñas Viejas Crianza Ribera del Duero (90)

The Viñas Viejas is a savory wine providing delicious flavors of ripe red and black fruit and nicely integrated oak. Aged for 14 months in French barriques, it offers a velvety palate of ripe black berry fruit with notes of balsamic, and charred oak. Polished tannins and excellent structure round out this terrific wine, which is sourced from a 63 year-old Tempranillo vineyard in Anguix, Burgos. The wine is drinking beautifully now.

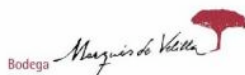


Bodegas García de Aranda 2006 Señorío de los Baldíos Crianza Ribera del Duero (89)

This is an earthy Crianza that displays a dark ruby color and aromas of saddle leather, roasted meat, and spices. On the palate it reveals layers of black fruit savory grilled meats, and forest floor. It has ripe tannins and a long finish.

Bodegas García de Aranda 2004 Señorío de los Baldíos Reserva Ribera del Duero (87+)

This Reserva has a dark ruby garnet color and aromas of black fruit, spice and charred oak. It is soft on the attack and boasts attractive flavors of black fruit, violets and minerals on the palate, but with some rather severe and astringent tannins on the finish.

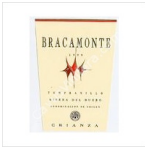


Grandes Bodegas 2005 Marques de Velilla Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

The 2005 Crianza has a dark ruby color and aromas of black fruit, violets and bitter chocolate. The palate is nicely flavored with black fruit and cola notes. The tannins are bitter and the finish is moderately long with high acidity.

Grandes Bodegas 2008 Marqués de Velilla Joven Ribera del Duero (88)

The dark ruby purple Marqués de Velilla Crianza is a lively wine offering ripe red and black fruit aromas. On the palate it reveals a silky mouthfeel and flavors of ripe red fruit, spice, anise and toast. The tannins are soft and the wine is flavorful on the finish



Bodegas Grupo Yllera 2008 Bracamonte Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

This Roble with 6 months of aging in American and French barriques, displays an attractive medium dark ruby color with aromas of fresh red berry fruit and spice. It is soft and silky on the palate with medium weight and good balance, and has ripe tannins on the finish.

Bodegas Grupo Yllera 2004 Bracamonte Crianza Ribera del Duero (91)

This is a beautiful wine with lovely aromas of ripe black cherry fruit, toast and licorice. It is soft on the attack and offers ripe and nicely concentrated fruit flavors and charred oak, a silky smooth and velvety mouth feel, excellent balance and a firm long lasting finish.

Bodegas Grupo Yllera 2001 Bracamonte Reserva Ribera del Duero (90)

This is a fine Reserva from a great vintage. It is medium dark ruby garnet in color and sports aromas of black cherry, tea, and leather. It has a nicely textured palate with savory flavors of roasted meat, dried red fruit and herbs. It is aging gracefully with ripe mature tannins and velvety notes on a long finish.



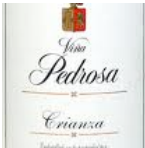
Bodegas Hermanos Páramo Arroyo 2007 Viña Eremos Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

This Roble displays a fragrant black cherry fruit nose with a touch of hazelnuts. Aged for 6 months in oak, it is very accessible with good fruit and acidity, soft tannins and excellent balance. Produced following organic vineyard practices.

Bodegas Hermanos Páramo Arroyo S.L. 2008 Viña Eremos Tinto Ribera del Duero (87+)

This is a lovely fruit forward Tinto offering fresh red fruit aromas on the nose and a soft velvety attack of pure fruit on the palate. It is nicely balanced with polished tannins, medium low acidity, and pure ripe fruit on the finish.

Bodegas Hermanos Perez Pascuas 2007 Viña Pedrosa Ribera del Duero (89)



The medium light ruby 2007 displays aromas of spicy dark cherry and wood spice. Aged for 12 months in oak, it offers red earthy cherry flavors on the palate. with a silky texture, excellent balance, and polished tannins on the finish.

Bodegas Hermanos Perez Pascuas 2006 Viña Pedrosa Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

The Crianza has a light ruby hue with aromas of red berry fruit, toasted oak and vanilla on the nose. Aged for 18 months in oak, it reveals a silky texture on the palate with concentrated red fruit and notes of coconut, ripe tannins and a firm finish.

Bodegas Hermanos Perez Pascuas 2005 Viña Pedrosa La Navilla Ribera del Duero (90)

The more substantial La Navilla is medium dark ruby in color and offers aromas of ripe red plum, black cherry, black pepper and toasted barrel notes. Aged for 20 months in Allier French oak barrels, it is nicely balanced, lush on the attack with ripe red fruit flavors and touches of loam and earth with a lingering finish.



Bodegas Imperiales

Bodegas Imperiales 2006 Abadía de San Quirce Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

This is a lovely 2006 Crianza that offers aromas of ripe red and black fruit and hints of sweet oak, followed by a palate of soft and nicely concentrated fruit with vanilla, good acidity and balance, tannic grip, and a firm finish.

Bodegas Imperiales 2005 Abadía de San Quirce Finca Helena Ribera del Duero (89)

The Finca Helena displays an opaque ruby purple color and aromas of black cherry compote and charred oak. The palate offers concentrated ripe black fruit, leather, smoke and oak spice. The tannins are ripe but have some grip and the finish lingers.

Bodegas Imperiales 2004 Abadía de San Quirce Reserva Ribera del Duero (89)

The 2004 Reserva is medium ruby in color and offers black cherry and raspberry aromas with prominent charred oak notes. On the palate it reveals a lovely texture of ripe fruit followed by gripping tannins and a long pleasant finish.

Bodegas Izquierdo 2007 Antonino Izquierdo Vendimia Seleccionada Ribera del Duero (90)

This Vendimia Seleccionada is sourced from 40-year old vineyards farmed biodynamically and offers aromas of very ripe black cherry, charred oak, smoke and forest floor. On the palate it is soft and velvety smooth with ripe concentrated fruit flavors, big polished tannins and a long finish. A wine for cellaring over the next 5 years.

José María Rojo Ortega 2004 Ricardana Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

The traditional styled Ricardana offers ripe, black cherry fruit with prominent toasted coconut aromas. Aged in new 100% American oak, it reveals a soft attack of fleshy black fruit with prominent charred oak, big tannic grip, and a long finish.

José María Rojo Ortega 2007 Ricardo I Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

The Ricardo I displays aromas of black cherry and eucalyptus followed by an attack of ripe and spicy dark plum flavors, a velvety smooth mouth feel, and gripping tannins on the finish.

L-O

Bodegas Lambuena 2008 Lambuena Rosado Ribera del Duero (88)



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The 2008 Rosado displays a lovely deep rose color and fresh aromas of cherry and strawberry on the nose. On the palate it offers fresh crisp cherry fruit flavors in a forward style. Easy drinking with a refreshing tart finish. A 100% Tempranillo rosé.

Bodegas Lambuena 2005 Lambuena Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

The 2005 Crianza reveals a medium ruby color with aromas of red and black fruit and spice. On the palate it shows somewhat high acidity on the attack followed by moderate red and black fruit flavors, firm tannins, and a short finish.

Bodegas Lambuena 2004 Lambuena Reserva Ribera del Duero (86)

The Lambuena Reserva is a rustic earthy wine with aromas of mushroom, smoked meat and light fruit. It has a soft attack showing more oak than fruit on the palate and ending with a dry finish.



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Bodegas y Viñedos del Linaje Garsea 2006 Crianza Ribera del Duero (86)

The dark ruby garnet Crianza has a nose of very ripe plum and oak. Aged for 14 months in French and American oak, it is soft and velvety on the attack, and has a lightly fruited mid-palate with austere dry wood tannins and alcoholic heat on the

Bodegas y Viñedos del Linaje Garsea 2004 Linaje Garsea Reserva Ribera del Duero (88)

This wine exhibits muted earthy dark fruit aromas on the nose followed by a palate of ripe plum and spicy fruit, good balance and tannic grip on the finish.

Bodegas y Viñedos Lleiroso 2006 Luz Millar Roble Ribera del Duero (87+)

This is a pleasant red cherry fruit forward wine that offers pure red fruit on the nose and is flavorful and easy to drink. It shows good concentration and delicacy on the mid-palate and freshness on the finish.



Bodegas y Viñedos Monteabellón 2008 Avaniel Joven Ribera del Duero (88)

This opaque ruby Joven by winemaker Juan Manuel Burgos offers aromas of black cherry, leather, and earthy notes. This is followed by a medium-weight palate of concentrated red and black fruit and big tannic grip. A young wine with good depth and earthiness on the finish.

Bodegas y Viñedos Monteabellón 2007 Monteabellón 5 meses Ribera del Duero (90)

This 2007 Tinto is a beautifully crafted roble-styled wine offering attractive black cherry fruit and oak aromas. Aged for 5 months in French and American oak, it displays elegance and balance with depth of fruit flavor and a long satisfying finish.

Bodegas y Viñedos Monteabellón 2006 Monteabellón Crianza Ribera del Duero (87+)

The 2006 Crianza offers fragrant aromas of black and red fruit and oak. Aged for 14 months in 70% French oak and 30% American oak, it displays a somewhat dry and tannic mid-palate and is short and slightly astringent on the finish.



Bodega Montebaco 2006 "Montebaco" Ribera del Duero (89)

The 2006 "Montebaco" displays a medium ruby color and aromas of black cherry and sweet oak on the nose. Aged from 12 to 15 months (depending upon vintage) in 70% French oak and 30% American, it is medium-weight on the palate with a good concentration of tart black cherry and plum fruit. The finish has some gripping tannins that will soften over time.

Bodega Montebaco 2006 "Semele" Ribera del Duero (89)

The 2006 "Semele" is a blend of 90% Tinto Fino and 10% Merlot. It is a complex offering with aromas of plum compote, dried sour cherries, and apricot with a note of oxidation. Aged for 12 months in French and American oak, it is soft and silky on the palate and beautifully balanced with round tannins.

Bodega Nuestra Señora del Rio 2007 Viña Cabrejas Tinto 4 Meses Ribera del Duero (85)

The Viña Cabrejas Tinto offers a nose of fragrant plum followed by a very dry palate with light fruit, hard tannins and a dry finish.

P-R



Nuestras Cepas 2007 Páramo de Guzmán Barrica Ribera del Duero (87)

This Roble spends 5 months in oak. It is medium ruby in color and offers dry red raspberry and plum fruit on the nose and the palate. It is simple and easy drinking with a fair amount of tannic grip and a firm finish.

Nuestras Cepas 2006 Páramo de Guzmán Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

This 2006 Crianza displays a dark ruby color with aromas of blackberry fruit and cedar on the nose. It has a nice fruity attack and a creamy palate, with good balance, somewhat dry tannins, and sweet notes on the finish.

Nuestras Cepas 2004 Raiz de Guzmán Ribera del Duero (88)

This is a lovely ripe Tinto offering blackberry and charred oak aromas on the nose and fleshy compote-like fruit on the palate. It has chewy tannins, excellent balance and structure, and a long and persistent finish.

París Trimiño 2008 Joven Ribera del Duero (86)

This Joven displays a ruby purple color and fresh aromas of black cherry fruit. It has a soft palate with raspberry fruit flavors, round tannins and a short finish.



París Trimiño 2005 Crianza Ribera del Duero (86)

The 2005 Crianza has a dark berry fruit color and aromas of black and red fruit that is mirrored on the palate. It shows light concentration of fruit with notes of earth and hard tannins on the finish.

París Trimiño 2008 Roble Ribera del Duero (86)

Traditional in style, this Roble reveals a dark ruby color and aromas of red berries, leather, and wet fur. It has a smooth attack and a medium weight palate that offers dark fruit, charred oak, and tannic grip on the finish.



Bodegas Pascual 2008 Heredad de Peñalosa Ribera del Duero (88)

Having spent four months in French and American oak, this 2008 Roble boasts a medium ruby color and aromas of spicy red cranberry and oak. On the palate it reveals a fruit forward character with soft tannins and a firm finish. Enjoy now.

Bodegas Pascual 2005 Buró de Peñalosa Ribera del Duero (88)

The Buró de Peñalosa offers aromas of pure black cherry, plum and wood spice. It is soft and silky on the palate showing beautiful balance, nicely concentrated fruit and oak, and ripe round tannins on the finish.

Bodegas Pascual 2004 Didoror Autor Ribera del Duero (92)

The dark ruby Didoror Autor displays complex aromas of blackberry fruit, roasted meat, and smoke. Sweet on the attack, it has a lavishly layered palate of blackberry, bitter chocolate, and espresso notes with a long finish. Delicious.



Bodegas Peñafalcón 2005 Peñafalcón Vendimia Seleccionada Ribera del Duero (89+)

This opaque ruby Vendimia Seleccionada displays ripe plum and charred oak aromas on the nose. Sourced from old vines and aged for 23 months in American and French oak, it offers highly concentrated pure fleshy blackberry fruit and is velvety smooth on the palate, with lingering charred oak flavors. It has a very long and persistent finish with good tannic structure and good fruit with vanilla highlights on the finish.

Bodegas Peñafalcón S.L. 2004 Peñafalcón Reserva Ribera del Duero (89)

This Reserva is traditional in style, displaying ripe black fruit with heavy sweet oak and vanilla on the nose. Inky in color it offers some interesting minerals and licorice with a meaty note on the palate but is also quite oaky on the finish.

Bodegas Peñafalcón S.L. 2002 Peñafalcón Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

This relatively old Crianza offers oxidized plum and oak aromas on the nose followed by a soft and silky palate of plum and leather and rather dry lingering tannins on the finish.



Bodegas Piedras de San Pedro 2005 Loculto Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

The opaque ruby purple Crianza has a ripe plum nose and a palate of black fruit compote, spice and charred oak. Aged in American oak for 12 months, it has a soft lush attack, good balance, and moderate grip on the finish.

Bodegas Piedras de San Pedro 2006 Loculto Tinto Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

This Roble offers fresh black cherry fruit on the nose followed by a nicely balanced palate of ripe red berry fruit, good acidity, and polished tannins. Aged for 3 months in American and French oak, it is velvety smooth with a light touch of oak, and has a nice long finish.

Bodegas Piedras de San Pedro 2004 Reserva Ribera del Duero (87)

The 2004 Reserva displays a dark garnet hue with a purple core. On the nose it reveals black fruit, mocha and charred oak which are mirrored on the palate with a touch of earth. It has a soft sweet attack but rather dry tannins on the mid-palate and the finish.

Bodegas Pingón 2007 Carramimbre Roble Ribera del Duero (90)

This very attractive Roble offers red and black berry fruit aromas with a touch of leather and raisins. Aged for 4 months in oak, it is soft on the attack with a velvety smooth palate of nicely concentrated red fruit, excellent acidity and balance and light tannic grip on a warm finish.

Bodegas Pingón 2005 Carramimbre Crianza Ribera del Duero (89)

The Crianza displays a dark ruby hue with an attractive nose of dark berries, plum and herbs. It has a soft attack of black fruit with nice purity, accented with a touch of white pepper. It shows good acidity, ripe tannins and a firm finish.



Pomar Viñedos 2008 Pomar de Burgos Roble Ribera del Duero (85)

The 2008 Roble has a medium dark ruby color and flavors of dark plum. It has a dry attack, hard tannins, and a lingering bitterness of the finish.

Pomar Viñedos 2006 Pomar de Burgos Crianza Ribera del Duero (85)

The dark ruby garnet Crianza has a prominent charred oak laden nose. Soft on the attack, it reveals a dry and astringent mid-palate with light fruit and earth flavors on the finish.

Bodegas y Viñedos Qumrán 2006 Crianza Ribera del Duero (89)

The 2006 Qumrán Crianza displays a light ruby color and aromas of red fruit, spice, leather, roasted meat and earth. On the palate it offers dark and savory cherry fruit and toasted oak with notes of clove. It sports excellent balance and structure with a silky texture, rounded tannins, and a long finish. It is a higher quality wine than the 2005 Crianza.



Bodegas y Viñedos Recoletas 2005 Recoletas Crianza Ribera del Duero (90)

The Recoletas Crianza has a dark ruby color and aromas of black fruit, mushroom, and earth. Sweet and rich tasting on the attack, it offers black fruit with cola and balsamic notes. It also has a rich sweet finish with firm tannins. Quite delicious.

Bodegas y Viñedos Recoletas 2004 Recoletas Vendimia Seleccionada Ribera del Duero (88)

This 2004 Vendimia Seleccionada displays an opaque ruby purple robe and very ripe plum and oak fruit on the nose. It has a creamy palate with black fruit and charred oak flavors bolstered by soft chewy tannins, and a long finish.

Bodegas y Viñedos Recoletas 2007 Recoletas Roble Ribera del Duero (89)

Dark ruby color. Very ripe black fruit compote and caramel aromas on the nose. Excellent balance and acidity on an almost unctuous palate of ripe black fruit. Finishes with soft tannins. .



Bodegas Resalte de Peñafiel 2007 Roble Ribera del Duero (90)

This is a beautiful wine with lots of black berry fruit, black pepper and leather on the nose. It has nicely integrated fruit and oak with a soft attack, good balance and acidity, and round tannins on a long finish.

Bodegas Resalte de Peñafiel 2004 Peña Roble Crianza Ribera del Duero (89)

This Crianza exhibits attractive dark fruit and charred oak on the nose and the palate. Still youthful and muscular, it reveals lots of ripe dark fruit and oak, although it is somewhat closed and restrained. The wine is nicely balanced with ripe chewy tannins and will improve with time.



Viñedos y Bodegas Ribón 2007 Tinto Barrica Ribera del Duero (88)

The Tinto Barrica has a dark ruby robe with lots of black cherry fruit and sweet oak on the nose. On the palate, it is soft and velvety smooth with good acidity, round tannins and nicely integrated fruit and oak spice on a long finish.

Viñedos y Bodegas Ribón S.L. 2006 Tinto Ribón Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

This dark ruby purple Crianza shows fragrant aromas of spicy black cherry fruit followed by a nicely concentrated, medium weight palate. A well made wines showing good integration of oak.

Bodegas y Viñedos Robeal 2005 Valnogal 16 Meses Ribera del Duero (88)

The Valnogal boast 16 months of aging in wood. It offers perfumed aromas of red berry fruit and herbs on the nose followed by a nicely textured velvet palate of ripe red fruit, firm tannins, and a persistent finish.



Bodegas Rodero

Bodegas Rodero 2007 Carmelo Rodero Roble Ribera del Duero (89)

The opaque ruby Roble is aged for 6 months in French and American oak and offers delicious plum and blackberry fruit with a touch of cedar and baking spices on the nose. On the palate it is velvety smooth and nicely balanced with concentrated fruit flavors, charred barrel notes and a firm finish.

Bodegas Rodero 2006 Carmelo Rodero Crianza Ribera del Duero (91)

The Crianza offers complex aromas of charred oak, bacon, roasted meat, and licorice. It boasts a soft and fleshy fruit palate with ripe tannins and notes of leather and oak. This is an earthy wine and will have considerable appeal to lovers of traditional Spanish wines.

Bodegas Rodero 2004 Carmelo Rodero Reserva Ribera del Duero (90)

Dark ruby in color, this Reserva shows aromas of dark red fruit with hints of chocolate and notes of coconut. Aged for 20 months in French and American oak, it offers a soft attack of black fruit, well integrated oak, and a firm dry finish. A big shouldered wine in a weighty bottle.

Bodegas Rodero 2004 Pago de Valtarreña Ribera del Duero (87)

This Tinto shows more charred oak than fruit on the nose and palate. It has nice spice and vanilla notes but little fruit and has a rather dry finish.

Bodega San Gabriel 2008 San Gabriel Ribera del Duero (87)

This is a fresh tasting wine that is carbonic in character, showing fragrant ripe cherry fruit aromas that are mirrored on the palate. The wine has a soft fruity medium weight palate, round tannins and a pleasant finish. A wine for early drinking.

S-T

Bodegas S. Arroyo 2008 Arroyo Joven Ribera del Duero (87)

This medium light ruby Joven reveals young carbonic-like red berry and cranberry aromas with herbal notes. On the palate it displays a fresh fruity spicy style with ripe tannins. Delicious and easy drinking.



Bodegas S. Arroyo 2006 Arroyo Crianza Ribera del Duero (87+)

This Crianza is fruit forward in character offering aromas of dark cherry, plum, lavender and vanilla oak. On the palate it combines ripe fruit with forest floor and leather notes and is smooth and elegant revealing round tannins and a long firm finish.



Bodega San Mamés 2007 Viña El Gujarral Ribera del Duero (86)

This is a rustic Tinto with earthy dark plum and black fruit aromas and flavors. These are followed by a spicy and dry mid-palate, with some herbal notes and tannic grip on the finish.

Bodega San Mamés 2006 Viña El Gujarral Roble Ribera del Duero (87)

The 2006 Viña El Gujarral displays a medium ruby color and a nose of red fruit, smoke and vanilla. It is soft on the attack with red fruit flavors and light oak on the palate with moderate tannins and a long finish.

Bodega San Mamés 2005 Viña El Gujarral Ribera del Duero (85)

The 2005 Crianza displays a dark ruby color and aromas of spicy black cherry and black berry fruit. This is followed by rather dry black fruit and light oak flavors on the palate and a lot of tannic grip on a short finish.



Bodega 'San Roque de la Encina' 2006 Monte Pinadillo Crianza Ribera del Duero (87+)

The Monte Pinadillo Crianza displays youthful fresh black cherry and toasted oak aromas on the nose. Aged for 12 months in American oak, it offers dark red berries, spice and oak on the palate with some elegance, ripe gripping tannins and a firm finish.

Bodega 'San Roque de la Encina' 2008 Monte Pinadillo Roble Ribera del Duero (88+)

A tasty Roble, the 2007 Monte Pinadillo offers fresh black cherry and raspberry aromas on the nose followed by an attack of ripe velvety fruit on the palate. Aged for 4 months in American oak, it offers sweet fruit flavors, soft round tannins, and a delicious long finish.

Bodega 'San Roque de la Encina' 2005 Xerus Ribera del Duero (90+)

The 2005 Xerus offers black cherry and plum aromas on the nose with soft velvety smooth black fruit flavors on the palate with notes of earth. The wine is velvety smooth and elegant, nicely textured and beautifully balanced with good acidity and a long finish.

Bodegas Surco 2006 Valdrinal Ribera del Duero (89)

The 2006 Valdrinal is an elegant wine. Medium ruby in hue, it displays very pleasant cherry, raspberry and toasty aromas on the nose. On the palate it offers a creamy texture with good acidity, pure ripe fruit, excellent balance and a long lasting finish. It will also age well.

Bodegas Surco 2004 Valdrinal Reserva Ribera del Duero (85)

This is a big earthy wine with notes of dried plum, herbs and leather. Soft on the attack, it shows dried fruit on the palate with light flavors and has little to offer.

Bodegas Tionio 2007 Austum Ribera del Duero (89+)

Austum offers fragrant black berry fruit aromas on the nose followed by an elegant attack of nicely integrated ripe red and black fruit and oak. On the palate it shows excellent structure and balance with good flavors and perfect acidity. A beautifully crafted wine.

Bodegas Tionio 2005 Tionio Ribera del Duero (90)

The 2005 Tionio boasts fragrant black cherry and plum fruit on the nose with hints of chocolate, coffee, and mocha. It is velvety smooth and elegant on the palate with nicely integrated black fruit and high quality oak followed by ripe tannins and a long finish.



Torres de Anguix 2007 D'Anguix Barrica Ribera del Duero (88)

The D'Anguix displays attractive aromas of black cherry and raspberry fruit and sweet oak on the nose. Aged for 5 months in American oak, it sports a creamy mouth feel with good fruit concentration with a touch of violets and charred oak notes. This is a well balanced wine with good structure and a long finish.

Torres de Anguix 2003 D'Anguix Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

This Crianza offers black raspberry fruit, spice, and cigarbox aromas on the nose. It is silky smooth on the attack, with a somewhat dry mid-palate of smoky red fruit. With rather gripping tannins on the finish, the wine finishes short and slightly astringent.

Torres de Anguix 2001 D'Anguix Reserva Ribera del Duero (91)

This Reserva from the superb 2001 vintage offers black fruit and smoke on the nose and a sweet attack of roasted meat and ripe, black fruit. This is followed by a well-balanced silky smooth and elegant palate with firm ripe tannins and a long finish.

V-Z



Bodegas Valdeviñas 2004 Mirat Crianza Ribera del Duero (88)

The 2004 ruby purple Crianza boasts ripe red and black currant fruit aromas on the nose followed by a nicely textured mid-palate of ripe fruit, toasted oak, and round tannins. The wine is nicely balanced with good acidity and has a long finish.

Bodegas Valdeviñas 2003 Mirat Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

The dark ruby 2003 Crianza is more restrained and oak laden than the 2004. It displays aromas of blackcurrant fruit and charred oak on the nose and reveals slightly bitter black fruit flavors with prominent oak and earth notes on the palate. The tannins are also gripping and the finish rather short.

Bodegas Valdeviñas 2004 Tinar de Mirat Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

This Crianza has an earthy meaty nose with notes of tobacco and violets. It is beautifully balanced on the palate showing a soft texture of dried cherry fruit and nicely integrated oak. The wine also has good acidity, big tannic grip and a long lasting finish.

Valtoñar 2004 Dominio de Castellares Ribera del Duero (90)

Ruby purple in color, this Vendimia Seleccionada boasts a ripe elegant nose of black raspberry, spice and cedar. On the palate, it reveals a silky texture of fresh fruit flavors, toasty oak, polished tannins, and a long rich finish.



Valtoñar 2006 Barrica Ribera del Duero (88)

This is a fragrant wine of 95% Tempranillo and 5% Merlot with a nose of fresh raspberries, rose pedal and plum. Aged for 6 months in French oak, it reveals a soft attack with juicy red fruit flavors, good acidity, and a pleasant firm finish.

Valtoñar 2004 Crianza Ribera del Duero (86)

This Crianza offer earthy herbal and charred oak aromas. It is soft and flavorful on the palate with notes of cigar box and loam. This is followed by light fruit and tannic grip on the finish.



Bodegas y Viñedos Vega de Yuso 2005 Tresmatas Crianza Ribera del Duero (88+)

The dark ruby Tresmatas Crianza offers black cherry fruit with notes of forest floor, loam and mushroom on the nose. On the attack it reveals good depth of fruit flavor with notes of coconut and cola. This is an earthy wine with hard tannins that would benefit from more

time in the bottle.

Bodegas y Viñedos Vega de Yuso 2007 Vegantigua Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

The 2007 Vegantigua displays a dark ruby color and has attractive aromas of ripe black cherry fruit and oak spice. Aged for 10 months in French and American oak, it is soft and velvet smooth on the palate with ripe dark cherry fruit and cedar. The wine is nicely balanced with round tannins and a firm finish. Ready to drink.

Viña Aguilera 2008 Torreval Joven Ribera del Duero (86)

This young Tinto Joven has a perfumed nose of ripe dark cherry. This is followed by a crisp attack of tangy smoky red and black fruit, dryness, and tannic grip on the mid-palate.

Viña Gumiel 2007 Gumizán Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

This is an attractive Roble offering ripe red berry fruit, baking spice and toasted oak on the nose. It is beautifully balanced on the palate showing velvety fruit, polished tannins, and good acidity on the finish.

Viña Tueda 2006 Crianza Ribera del Duero (85)

This Crianza has a medium ruby color and aromas of red berry fruit and herbs. On the palate it reveals high acidity and light red fruit flavors followed by a short dry finish.



VIÑA TUEDA

Viña Tueda S.L. 2008 Joven Ribera del Duero (87)

This Joven displays a dark ruby color and reticent aromas of plum, black fruit and toasted oak. Velvet smooth on the attack, it reveals juicy ripe fruit on the mid-palate and nicely polished tannins on the finish. Easy drinking.

Viña Tueda 2007 Roble Ribera del Duero (88)

The 2007 Roble is a lush juicy wine offering a dark ruby color and aromas of black cherry and toast. Having spent six months in oak, it displays a round and velvet smooth palate of ripe fruit and ripe tannins. Ready to drink now, although tannins would benefit from another 6 months of bottle age.

Bodegas Valsardo de Penafiel 2001 Reserva Ribera del Duero (89)

The 2001 Valsardo offers aromas of black cherry, cigar box and toasted oak. It is soft on the attack and round on the palate with good concentration of plum fruit and sweet toasted oak. The wine is also nicely balanced and has a long pleasant finish. The wines of the 2001 vintage are hard to beat.



Bodegas Viña Vilano 2006 Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

The Crianza has a dark ruby color and is somewhat closed on the nose offering some black cherry fruit and oak spice. Soft on the attack, it reveals black and red fruit and big tannins on the mid-palate and finish.

Bodegas Viña Vilano 2004 Terra Incógnita Ribera del Duero (88)

The Terra Incógnita has a medium ruby color with light aromas of black cherry and plum. It has a velvet smooth plate of ripe red and black fruit and toasted oak. The tannins are ripe but gripping, and the finish is pleasantly long.

Bodegas Viña Vilano 2004 Viña Vilano Reserva Ribera del Duero (88)

The 2004 Crianza, sourced from high altitude 50-year old bush vines, has aromas of ripe blackberry, toasted oak, loam and spice that are mirrored on the palate. While nicely balanced, with good acidity, it has rather dry tannins on the mid-palate and on the finish.

Bodegas Viña Vilano 2008 Viña Vilano Roble Ribera del Duero (86)

This Roble displays a light ruby color and light fragrant cherry fruit aromas with a touch of anise on the nose. On the palate it reveals fruity flavors, good balance with slightly dry tannins on the finish.

Bodegas Viña Vilano 2008 Viña Vilano Rosado Ribera del Duero (87+)

The 2008 Rosado displays a dark rose hue and aromas of cranberry and fennel. On the palate it reveals ripe fruit flavors with freshness and acidity, followed by a crisp and clean finish.

Viñedos del Soto 2006 Aclareo Tinto Joven Ribera del Duero (88)

This lovely Tinto displays a dark ruby robe with fragrant aromas of plum, cedar, vanilla and licorice. On the palate it reveals a soft texture and rich mouth feel with smooth tannins and a long finish.

Bodegas Vitulia 2005 Vitulia Crianza Ribera del Duero (87)

This Crianza displays aromas of ripe plum compote, oak, and earth. On the palate it offers more ripe black fruit with soft and velvet mouth feel, good structure and balance, and round tannins on the finish.

Bodegas Vitulia 2007 Vitulia Roble Ribera del Duero (86)

The Vitulia Roble exhibits modest red and black fruit aromas on the nose that are replicated on the palated. Aged for 6 months in oak, it has a rather tannic mid-palate and a short finish.

Bodegas Zifar 2005 Zifar Ribera del Duero (86)

The Zifar Crianza displays red and black fruit aromas followed by spicy plum fruit and big dry gripping tannins on the mid-palate and finish.

Ribera del Duero Producers

Export Potential

(Based on Tasting Notes and Ratings and Subject to Price

<u>Excellent</u>	<u>Very Good</u>	<u>Fair to Good</u>
Abadia de Acon Alberto y Benito Bodegas Imperiales (Abadia de San Quirce) Bodegas Izquierdo Gallego Zapatero Grupo Yllera (Bracamonte) Hermanos Perez Pascuas Monteabellón Montebaco Pingón Qumrán Recoletas Resalte de Peñafiel Rodero Tionio Torres de Anguix Valsardo	Aldekoa S. Cooperativa Anta Banderas Arco de Curiel Briones Baniandrés Cocope Dehesa de Vladlaguna Díez Llorente El Lagar de Isilla Finca Campos Góticas Fuentécen Grandes Bodegas Hermanos Páramo Arroyo Jose Maria Rojo Ortega Páramo de Guzman Bodegas Pascual Peñafalcón Piedras de San Pedro Ribon San Roque de la Encina Surco Vega de Yuso Viñedos del Soto Viña Gumiel	Antonio Alcubilla López Castillo de Gumiel García de Aranda Lambuena Linaje Garsea Lleiroso Paris Trimiño Pomar Viñedos San Gabriel S. Arroyo San Mamés Valedviñas Valtoñar Viña Aguilera Viña Tueda Viña Vilano Vitulia Zifar

