

Decanter

RIBERA DEL DUERO

Highly Recommended (continued) 90-94pts



Garmón 2014 90 PBT 90 SJE 92 PM 88
£35 City Wine Collection
Elegantly cedary on the nose, this is an archetypal Ribera showing red and black berry fruits, menthol and liquorice complexity. It is still youthful and muscular, with a creaminess to the texture and a bold finish. **Drink** 2017-2021 **Alc** 14.5%



Ismael Arroyo, Valsotillo, Reserva 2011 90 PBT 92 SJE 87 PM 90
£16 D Byrne & Co
A lot of richness here, with almost cloyingly rich fruit characters. It is stylish in its own toasty, sensuous way with an enticing mouthfeel. Bold and satisfying in its length and presence. **Drink** 2017-2028 **Alc** 14.5%



La Loba 2014 90 PBT 91 SJE 90 PM 90
POA Desoutter & Jame
Earthy aromatics with hints of meat and savoury notes. Full of character, this is suave and juicy on the palate in quite a delicate style. Herbaceous and bright – a lovely example of Ribera. **Drink** 2017-2025 **Alc** 14.5%



La Viña del Loco, Toga, Reserva 2011 90 PBT 90 SJE 90 PM 91
N/A UK www.miravinos.es
Intense blueberry fruit aromatics intermingle with the smoky, chewy palate. It displays hints of green herbs and red cherries with limpid freshness and generous tannins. **Drink** 2017-2022 **Alc** 14%



Neo, Crianza 2011 90 PBT 90 SJE 91 PM 90
POA Bancroft
A supple ripe and plummy Tempranillo with a streak of liquorice and tobacco. It is polished and modern in its style, with soft acidity and grainy tannins on the open, sweet berry finish. **Drink** 2017-2023 **Alc** 14.5%



O Fournier, Spiga 2012 90 PBT 91 SJE 91 PM 89
£25.99 Carruthers & Kent, D Byrne, Fairhill Wines, Frontier Fine Wines, Martinez, The Drinkshop, Village Vine
An absolute powerhouse of a wine and a crowd-pleasing style. Fine ripe Victoria plums open up in the mouth with a dusty, smoky richness backed up by vanilla and cedar. **Drink** 2017-2027 **Alc** 15%



Pago de los Capellanes, Parcela el Nogal 2011 90 PBT 92 SJE 89 PM 90
£50 Great Western Wine, Le Vignoble
A veritable fruit bowl of pure damsons, dark plums and spicy blueberries. This boasts a silky texture and a long, flavourful finish, if a little balsamic and cloying right at the end. **Drink** 2017-2030 **Alc** 14.5%



Rodero, Carmelo Rodero, Crianza 2014 90 PBT 91 SJE 90 PM 89
£20 De Vinos
This is a bold, structured wine with a plummy nose and a slight baked quality. It is full of rhubarb freshness, with a firm undertow of well-managed oak and acidity in support, leading to a peppery finish. **Drink** 2017-2021 **Alc** 14%



Señorio de los Baldios, Crianza 2013 90 PBT 90 SJE 90 PM 91
N/A UK www.bodegasgarcia.com
Dominating oaky notes on the nose giving way to secondary aromas and then some leather and spice. This is concentrated, textured and massive but has developed gracefully with silky sweet fruit. A wonderful old-fashioned style. **Drink** 2017-2020 **Alc** 14%

Recommended 86-89pts

Wine	Score	PBT	SJE	PM	Tasting note	Alc	Drink	Price	Stockists
Abadia de Aeon, Crianza 2012	89	86	88	92	Pepper and exotic spice on the nose but the palate is a little restrained with cooked red fruits and a warm finish.	14.5%	2017-2026	£14.95	Vin Cognito
Alilian, Buenagente 2013	89	87	89	91	Mocha oak and green herb aromas – this is an ambitious wine. Oak dominates the layers of dark fruit, so decant to let it open and breathe.	14.5%	2017-2018	N/A UK	www.bodegasalilian.com
Balbás, Ritus 2013	89	90	91	86	A finely perfumed, floral nose leads to an elegant red fruit palate juxtaposed with slightly balsamic, chunky tones and finishing with soft, abundant tannins.	14%	2017-2021	N/A UK	www.balbas.es
Bodegas La Horra, Corimbo 2012	89	91	88	88	Pepper spice and savoury aromas stand out, whereas a mineral and focused edge cuts through the palate, speaking clearly of its region.	14.5%	2017-2031	£47.99	Amathus, Cambridge Wine Merchants, Drinkmonger, Fortnum & Mason, Hedonism, Le Vignoble
Bodegas Valpincia, Pagos de Valcerracín, Crianza 2013	89	88	86	92	Generous and developed with lively red fruit that is fleshy and succulent, with real Tempranillo quality and a slight green edge.	14.5%	2017-2019	N/A UK	www.bodegasvalpincia.com
Cepa 21, Malabrigo 2011	89	92	89	86	Chocolate and smoky notes dominate this powerful wine. The thick palate is a little baked but very dense with fruit.	15%	2017-2030	POA	C&D Wines
Cruz de Alba, Crianza 2013	89	87	89	90	A full-bodied, crowd-pleasing style of Ribera. Red fruits mingle with fine cedar and earth, leading to a punchy, fruity finish.	14%	2017-2020	£15-£17	Ellis Wines, Sommelier's Choice