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Top 100

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Introduction

As the windscreen wipers ramped up their rhythm to sweep away the heavily falling sleet (descriptively called aguanieve in Spanish), the normally vivid landscape of Rueda's sandy and stony vineyards turned to a soft, marshmallow white as snow began to blanket the landscape. As they say in Spain "año de nieves, año de bienes" – a snowy year is a prosperous year - and in the vines, it's usually a very good sign. It must also be said that the temperature fell dramatically, turning a chilly winter's day in Castilla y León into an arctic freeze more suited to polar bears and penguins!

In January, I returned to Rueda to produce the third report on the region for Tim Atkin. I tasted 310 wines, including many back vintages and a lot of new wines, from 57 wineries, 31 of which I visited in person. The region continues to evolve, innovate and experiment, and I can honestly say that it's only after these past three years of intense tastings that I really now understand the differences between towns and sub-zones, as well as the ageing potential of the wines.

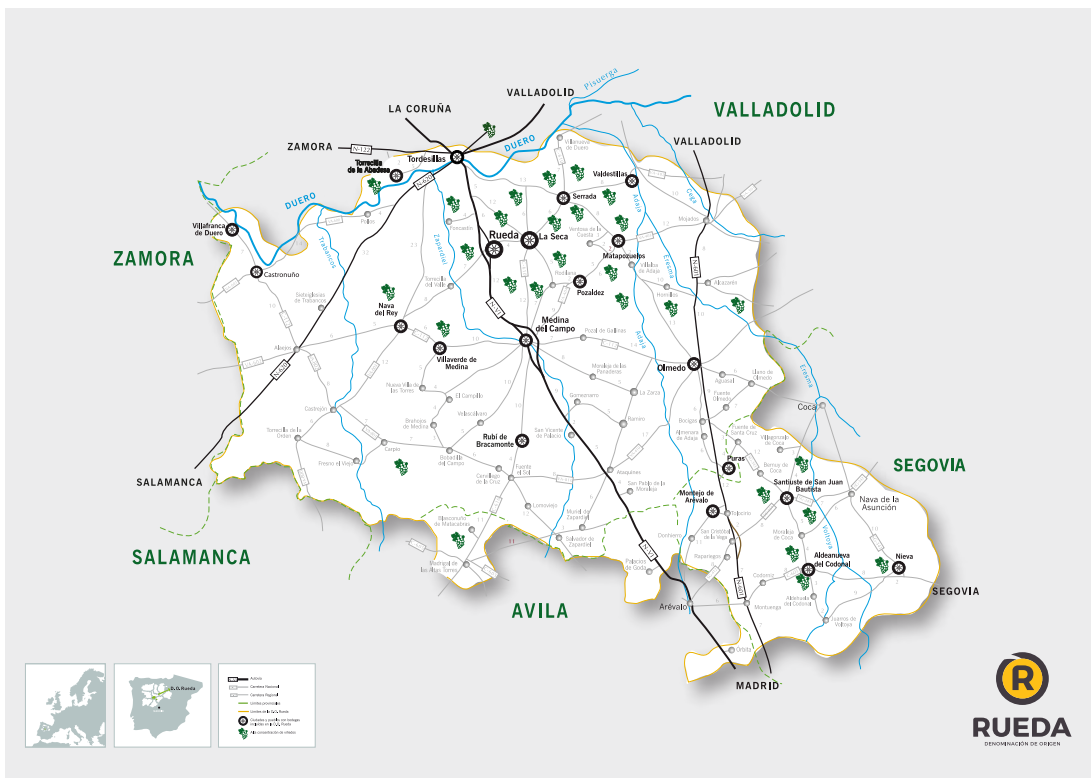
The first year that Tim and I visited Rueda together, we spent a week travelling in dense fog. Last year I was faced with a week of rain, and this year, snow and freezing temperatures. Yet despite everything that Rueda tries to throw at me, I can't wait to return each time. The weather might try to

keep me away but the diversity of the region's wines and the warm welcome of its winemakers always entice me back.

STATISTICS

The region covers 20,756 ha which are spread across 3 provinces (Valladolid, Segovia and Ávila) and 74 municipalities. There are 79 wineries and 1,523 growers.

In 2025, 123,2 million kg were harvested, a 12,6% reduction in volume compared to 2024. White varieties still make up nearly 99% of plantings across the region, and Verdejo is easily the most cultivated variety making up 88% of white grapes in the DO.



THE DIVERSITY OF THE RUEDA TERROIR

While officially people from Rueda are referred to as rodenses, there is also a colloquial name, caleros. The word comes from cal or limestone which is often found in the vineyards of the area. You could say that the identity of Rueda's people is defined by its soils.

The DO Rueda is currently undertaking a major study of the region's soils in partnership with the University of León: over 130 calicatas or soil pits have already been dug in the vineyards across the DO and there are more to come. The aim isn't necessarily to create a new classification for the wines, but simply to gain a better understanding of the region's soils and vineyards. The data from the study will be made available to all the growers and winemakers in Rueda so they can improve viticultural practices and make even better wines.

As the study continues to reveal the characteristics of the Rueda's soils and sub-zones, I have decided to include the name of towns or municipalities for each wine in this report that comes from one or two defined areas. I have also mentioned a lot of the different soil types in the tasting notes, from the typical stones or canto rodado, to gravel, limestone, clay and sand.

In my opinion, Rueda and La Seca generally offer structured wines with intense stoney vibrancy, while the wines from Segovia, particularly where the soils are much sandier, are quite finessed with aromas of chamomile and hemp. And in the eastern zone of the DO, often referred to as Tierra de Pinares around Alcazarén, the wines often present a more herbal profile with aromas like bay leaf, caper and pink peppercorn.

Of course, regional blends benefit from the best of all these sub-zones. Sara Bañuelos at Ramón Bilbao presented me with tank samples made from parcels grown on different soils across their estate and the differences in each wine were marked. The more we learn about the richness of the Rueda terroir, the more we will appreciate the diversity of its wines - I hope the inclusion of the additional detail in this year's report helps to highlight this.

GRAN VINO CATEGORY & AGEING

The Category of Gran Vino de Rueda is now heading into its sixth year (it was first introduced into the market with the 2020 vintage). I am the first to admit that I was initially concerned that it would simply provide an excuse for producers

to use a lot of oak and charge higher prices. I couldn't have been more wrong!

As the category develops, what shines through is the Rueda terroir. The elaboration of the wines, whether in concrete, amphora or oak, is secondary. Wines must come from vineyards with an average age of 80 – 100 years with lower yields, and they must spend a minimum one year ageing before release into the market. When the wines reach the consumer, they are ready to drink, albeit most also offer fantastic ageing potential.

Even outside of the Gran Vino category, there are more and more wines released into the market with extended time on lees or in bottle. Lees work in Rueda is key to complexity and ageing potential. "Ageing on lees gives more life to the wine," outlines Alberto Sanz, owner of Bodegas Vicoral. "Most of the wines have some time on lees which shows in their complexity and longevity even if not mentioned on the label."

While lots of young wines from Rueda appear in the market very quickly after harvest, more wineries are trying to delay their launch in order to give them more time to develop. Some are even holding back vintages to release at a later date. At Javier Sanz, the team is preparing to launch a pack of their Malcorta wine with three vintages: 2019, 2020 and 2021. It is encouraging that consumers will have access to this mini-vertical of the same wine to understand the benefits of time in bottle.

"Verdejo is a variety that has a lot of potential and is really interesting – if you treat it with care, it responds really well," explains Marta Baquerizo Mesonero-Romanos of Belondrade. Their wines are built for ageing as a tasting of their 2014 Belondrade y Lurton proved. Likewise, Finca Montepedroso makes wines with great potential: their 2016 Verdejo Sobre Lías is deliciously complex.

HARVEST 2025

It was a complicated year. Mildew attacked many vineyards in the region, and because it is quite rare in Rueda, many growers weren't equipped to manage the outbreak. There was also an intense storm that brought hail, causing further damage to the vineyards in its path. But the wines? Actually, they are really impressive!

"After all the problems of drought, mildew and hail, the wines are actually really good," outlines Beatriz González Peláez, winemaker at Bodegas De Alberto. "Maybe the problem was mostly pessimism!" This certainly accords with my impressions after tasting the wines of 2025.

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Winemaker at Palacio de Bornos, Pilar García was a bit worried at first. “The wines were quite homogenous but then it suddenly all came together. The vintage is really good and the wines are ready to drink already.” Owner of Rodríguez y Sanzo, Javier Rodríguez shares a positive view. “The wines are surprising and better than expected. It’s a vintage of really good mouthfeel.”

Certainly, the wines offer a sense of immediacy – they are ready to drink now, even if most will evolve beautifully over the coming years. Perhaps a little less expressive in aromas than the previous vintage, the wines more than make this up with concentrated flavours and a lot of structure. There’s a lot to like!

EXPLANATION OF SCORES & TOP 100

The 2026 Top 100 features wines from 48 producers, all new vintages of wines I tasted last year or new wines.

Several wines featured in the 2025 Top 100 are still the current releases in the market. Where they formed part of my tastings with producers this year, I have included them in the A-Z list at

the back of the report but have not included them again in the Top 100.

The Podium this year includes several categories to highlight the diversity of styles. There are now awards for young wines (i.e. wines intended for release in the year of production without any extended ageing), aged wines which have some more time in bottle, and those that are categorised as a Gran Vino de Rueda.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to the wonderful producers of Rueda. Each year I have tried to visit as many wineries as possible, changing the itinerary each time to include new producers and vineyards. Unfortunately, I cannot visit everyone, so thank you to all the producers who came to see me in the Consejo offices to present their wines.

And a massive thank you to the team behind the DO Rueda who helped pull together the itinerary, all the tasting sheets and accommodation. Also, thanks to my chauffeur Santiago Mora whose normal day-job is Director General of the Consejo Regulador (but is an excellent travel companion!).



Podium

Winemaking Legend Francisco Hurtado de Amézaga, Marqués de Riscal

Winemaker of the Year Montxo Martínez, Bodegas Yllera

Young Winemaker of the Year Helena Muelas, Bodegas Muelas

Grower of the Year Miguel Arroyo Izquierdo, Bodegas Arroyo Izquierdo

Co-operative of the Year Cuatro Rayas

Enotourism Award Bodegas Yllera

White Wine of the Year Martinsancho 2022, Bodega Martinsancho

Young White Wine of the Year José Pariente Verdejo 2025, Bodegas José Pariente

Aged White Wine of the Year Pita Finca Cantera 2023, Bodegas Pita
Palo Norte 2020, Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo

Gran Vino de Rueda of the Year Laslias de Beronia 2024, Beronia
Limousin 2024, Marqués de Riscal

Generoso Wine of the Year De Alberto VORR, Bodegas De Alberto

Discovery Young White Wine Verdejo Sobre Lías Finas 2025, Marqués de Riscal

Discovery Aged White Wine El Perro Verde Selección Especial 2024, Uvas Felices

Discovery Gran Vino de Rueda Viña Cantosan 50 Aniversario 2024, Bodegas y Viñedos Yllera

Discovery Generoso of the Year 25 de José Pariente NV, Bodegas José Pariente

Value Young White Wine 5,000 Verdejo 2025, Bodegas Valdehermoso

Value Aged White Wine Pecholiebre, El Verdejo Valiente 2024, Bodegas Vinisimo

Value Gran Vino de Rueda Selección Bornos 2024, Palacio de Bornos

Tasting Notes

Whites

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Bodega Martinsancho, Martinsancho 2022

La Seca. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

Made from the best grapes from Martinsancho's dry-farmed old vines, this is a brilliant expression of Rueda. The wine opens with aromas of mango, pineapple and peach that mingle with bay leaf, dried rosemary and pine needle. The palate is steely and driven with incredible tension and energy, finishing with intense salinity. It is from one of the top vineyards in the area and it certainly reflects its pedigree. A wine that will keep delivering pleasure for many years to come. 2026-32

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Beronia, Laslias de Beronia 2024

La Seca. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

Fermented in 1,200L French foundres where it ages, as well as partly in concrete for nine months, this is a complex and age-worthy white. Aromas are subtle but gradually reveal peach, floral and saline notes that open to a generous palate framed by pithy bitterness. The acidity is direct and vibrant, leading to a delicate but long finish. It is a wine that reflects its origins: structured, with the capacity to age, but at the same time elegant and fine. 2026-32

97

Bodegas Pita, Pita Finca Cantera 2023

Rubí de Bracamonte. 13.5%

A selection of the Finca Cantera vineyards close to the winery in Rubí de Bracamonte, this wine is at once creamy but vibrant with a fine, sandy texture. It is a Verdejo that shows off the stone fruit character of the variety with bright citrus fruit and an impressive structure. Having tasted the evolution of the 2022 vintage, I'm sure the 2023 shows even more potential to age and develop in bottle. A wonderfully balanced and complex white with a beautiful varietal purity. 2026-31

97

Marqués de Riscal, Limousin 2024

Rueda, La Seca & Segovia. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13.5%

One of Riscal's flagship wines which reflects the different soils of various regions of Rueda, as well as various types of elaboration – a touch of barrel, concrete and stainless steel. This is a highly expressive and complex wine that offers a creamy texture with intense salinity intertwined with green apple, pear and a pithy finish. A fine wine that will continue to develop with time. 2026-32

96

Belondrade, Belondrade y Lurton 2024

La Seca. 14%

A fantastic vintage of this classic wine from the estate's vineyards in La Seca, the wine is immediately mineral and stony on the nose with delicate smokey and citrus aromas. The acid is vibrant and the finish saline, and the palate is at once elegant and structured. While the wine will age beautifully, it is also very appealing right now – one of the flagships of the region. 2026-32

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Bodegas Pita, Pita Terracota 2024

Rubí de Bracamonte. 13%

Different in profile from the previous two years, this is creamy and textured with very driven acidity. There is lots of peach and some dried herbal notes on the finish which is long and persistent, supported by a stony, vibrant core. It is immediately appealing and already offers a lot of pleasure in comparison to the earlier vintages which needed more time. The touch of new amphora in fermentation is a nice addition, resulting in a wine marked by salinity – a delicious expression of the vineyards in southern Rueda. 2026-30

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Garciarévalo, Harena Tinaja 2024

Matapozuelos. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

Garciarévalo's Verdejo aged in tinaja is from prephylloxera vines in Matapozuelos grown on sandy soils. It is very lively and fresh with an underlying elegance that creates a complex and textural wine. With spicy and herbal aromas of bay leaf and peppercorn, the wine displays great tension and energy while the finish is saline. A wine that delivers year after year. 2026-30

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Ramón Bilbao, Finca Las Amedias 2021

Rueda. 13%

85% Verdejo with 15% Sauvignon Blanc, this blend reflects the composition of Ramón Bilbao's estate and its soils. The varieties are fermented separately in foudres and aged for 2 years to bring just a little oaky character but the wine finishes its ageing in concrete. Very delicate smokey notes frame the wine which is marked by lime and grapefruit on the nose, opening to a structured, acid driven palate. Mineral and profound, almost appealingly austere, it will open up with more time in bottle. 2026-30

95

Bodegas José Pariente, Finca Las Comas 2022

La Seca. 13.5%

Las Comas is a vineyard planted in 1910 on gravelly soils. The wine is fermented in large foudres which delicately supports the wine without any woody notes. It is structured, muscular and intensely mineral, finishing with a lick of salinity. The evolution to date in bottle proves the impressive ageability of this wine. 2026-33

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Bodegas José Pariente, Las Fincas de José Pariente 2024

La Seca, Aldeanueva del Codonal & Hornillos de Eresma. 13.5%

From a selection of José Pariente's vineyards across the DO, this wine represents the best of the region's components. Fermented with indigenous yeast and aged for 12 months in 228L and 500L barrels, it is incredibly complex and layered. With aromas of green pea, asparagus and stone fruit, the wine opens to intense grassy notes and aniseed with underlying salinity. A serious wine that is at once accessible and pleasing to everyone. 2026-32

95

Bodegas Naia, Náíades Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica 2022

Gran Vino de Rueda. 14%

This is always a wine that impresses, and despite the warmer 2022 vintage, it continues to do so. Ripe and inviting peach aromas mingle with vanilla and woody spice that opens to a satisfyingly warm, rich palate. The fruit comes from all over the region to create a wine that represents the combination of climates and soils across the DO. A somewhat more intense vintage than the previous, it is still a class act with a judicious use of oak and the potential to develop further in bottle. 2026-30

95

Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo, Verdejo Bajo Velo 2023

La Seca. 13.5%

The concept here is to release the wine in its third year after spending the time under flor. The velo doesn't dominate the wine but brings really appealing citrus peel aromas that open to a palate with layers of apricot, quince and orange notes. It is a complex and highly expressive wine which shows off the character of the variety in a unique way. The finish offers dried apricots and is very long and moreish. A fabulous expression of Rueda. 2026-29

95

Bodegas y Viñedos Yllera, Meraldís 2023

Aldenueva de Cordonal. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13.5%

Part fermented in amphora, part barrel, this is very elegant with real substance on the palate. Delicate pineapple and lime are supported by a fine texture and finesse that comes from old vines (90 year old in this case) grown on the sandy soils of Segovia. Already with a couple of years of ageing, it is ready to drink but will continue to evolve beautifully over the coming years. 2026-30

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Bodegas y Viñedos Yllera, Viña Cantosan 50 Aniversario 2024

Rueda. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13.5%

As an homage to the 1974 wine that won a Great Gold Medal in Milan, this was produced as a special selection for the 50th anniversary. Hand harvested, this is part fermented in 500L barrels that then goes into eggs for six months, and part in amphora. It is a really complex wine with white pepper, cut grass and peach that opens to a profound and layered palate with a fine, sandy texture and subtle smokey notes. Will be released for the anniversary in November. 2026-30

95

Campo Eliseo, Campo Eliseo 2023

La Seca. Gran Vino de Rueda. 14%

From Campo Eliseo's oldest vineyard in La Seca, planted on typical canto rodado, this Verdejo is subtle and elegant. It is aged for 14 months in 225L barrels which bring a fine grained textured and delicate smokey aromas – the use of oak is wonderfully judged. With citrus fruit, asparagus and lime, the wine is a fine example of the variety and built with the structure to evolve gracefully. 2026-31

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Finca Montepedroso, Enoteca 2023

Rueda. 12.5%

The 2023 vintage of Enoteca is a lovely expression of Finca Montepedroso's vineyard. It is basically made in the same way as the first wine of the estate but it is kept in concrete for two years to age. There is a bit more colour, but it is just a little deeper in colour than the young wine, and it presents bright lime, pineapple and wet stone aromas. The palate has taken on weight and depth over time, and is even showing a Riesling-like character. One to return to after a few years in bottle. 2026-30

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Javier Sanz Viticultor, Finca Saltamontes 2019

La Seca. 13%

From a pre-phylloxera vineyard in La Seca, this Verdejo has an extraordinarily expressive nose with lime, pineapple and lychee aromas that open to an ample palate with underlying elegance. This is all about the expression of old vines, sandy texture and finesse. There's a Riesling-like character on the palate with just a whiff of petrol, and racy, lively acidity. It is in its moment to drink now but it will continue to evolve beautifully over the coming years. A unique and wonderful expression of Verdejo in Rueda! 2026-29

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Palacio de Bornos, Selección Bornos 2024

Rueda. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

Fermented in ceramic amphora, part with malolactic, the 2024 Selección is a substantial and complex wine with real weight and intensity. The wine presents typical varietal bitterness with lots of green fruit and salinity. It is textured with dried extract and layers of stone fruit that create a creamy and inviting palate. Fresh and lively, it promises more evolution to come. 2026-32

95

Protos, Protos Reserva 2022

La Seca. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

Classic, oak-aged Verdejo made with a modern touch, this is the Reserva wine of the estate from typical stony soils of a single, dry-farmed vineyard – Pago Las Comas. The wine spends seven months in 300L French barrels, old and new, and a minimum 18 months in bottle before release (but often more). Yes, there are obvious oaky notes of toast and torrefacto but the wine is fresh and vibrant, made in an inviting oxidative style. It is structured but at the same time generous and should age well. 2026-30

95

Ramón Bilbao, Sobre Lías 2023

Rueda. 12.5%

From the older section of the vineyard, this wine is fermented in concrete and aged 8-10 months in old 225L and 500L Hungarian and French oak. The nose is delicate, showing bright citrus fruit and a hint of salinity while the palate is pithy, with green apple and subtle notes of pink peppercorn. It is a wine with elegant acidity which carries its structure and weight: a fine interpretation of the vineyard site. 2026-31

95

Viñas Murillo, Chapirete Prefiloxérico Edición Limitada 2024

Alcazaren. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13.5%

Murillo's pre-phylloxera vines keep delivering with this wonderfully expressive wine that speaks of its origins. With capers, bay leaf and dried herbs, the wine is ample yet very fresh and elegant. There is a fine texture which reflects the sandy soils of the sub-zone and is mouthwatering on the finish. Due for release soon, it deserves some more time in bottle. 2026-32

94

Álvarez y Diez, Labyrinthus Petra 2023

Nava del Rey. 13.5%

A more recent addition to the range from Álvarez y Diez, this organic Verdejo from Nava del Rey is fermented in 100 year old tinaja in their original winery. It undergoes spontaneous fermentation and is aged for 12 months, resulting in a voluminous white with an earthy, ferrous character and lively fennel and aniseed notes. A really characterful wine, it reflects both the region's past and future. 2026-29

94

Arroyo Izquierdo, Mus Lías Viñas Viejas 2024

Puras. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

Now a Gran Vino de Rueda, this is a really elegant and refined wine with just the right amount of creaminess. Green apple and white peach are supported by great tension and a steely finish. While immediately recognisable as Verdejo, it is also a great interpretation of the high altitude vineyards of Puras. 2026-29

94

Bodega La Granadilla, Dominio de la Granadilla Verdejo Selección Familiar 2023

Villaverde de Medina & Nava del Rey. 13%

The second vintage of this wine, the 2023 is even better than the 2022. Grassy aromas mingle with asparagus and green fruit, opening to a rich and ample palate. Aged for ten months in concrete eggs, the salinity seems even more marked this year while the acidity elegantly drives the wine. Another great example of the lovely evolution of these wines in bottle. 2026-31

94

Bodega La Soterraña, Eresma Cuvée Especial 2023

Olmedo. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

A really appealing Gran Vino that is fermented in stainless steel and part aged in concrete, this comes from Olmedo. It is a substantial Verdejo that really offers a lot of palate weight and concentration, driven by direct acidity. White floral aromas combine with fennel and saline notes that lead to a mineral palate and savoury finish. Another example of how this category shows off the complexity of the Rueda terroir. 2026-30

94

Bodega Martinsancho, Martinsancho 2024

La Seca. 13,5%

Aged on fine lees for six months, this is a reference in Rueda for a reason. The wine offers typical Verdejo aromas of herbs, citrus fruit and green apple as well as loads of pineapple. With lots of electric tension and a steely, driven core, the wine is still very young and will continue to develop in bottle. A very good vintage of this consistently pleasing wine. 2026-30

94

Bodega Muelas de Tordesillas, Helena La Lía Acacia 2023

Tordesillas. 13%

Fermented in Acacia oak, this spends 11 months in barrel with battonage followed by 11 months in bottle in the winery's underground cellar. It is immediately inviting with creamy aromas of apricot jam and quince that open to a very pretty and juicy palate. The Acacia oak brings some floral notes of chamomile and spring flowers. It is a really elegant, wooded white with a unique personality. 2026-30

94

Bodegas Blanco Nieva, Pie Franco Verdejo 2025

Nieva. 13%

The 2025 mouthfeel and concentration really comes through in this wine which still shows off the elegance of Nieva but with plenty of structure and fruit. It is saline with finesse on the palate, along with pear, apple and some grassy notes. With time in bottle, this will develop into a layered and expressive Verdejo. 2026-30

94

Bodegas Félix Sanz, Piedras de Cimbrón 2022

Rueda. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13,5%

Complex and elegant, this is Verdejo from the estate's old vines grown on typical canto rodado and sandy soils in Rueda. It is fermented in 500L barrels and concrete, and aged for two years before bottling. The palate is impressive with just enough creamy texture, balanced with salinity and pithy acidity. It is long and persistent and invites further drinking. A wine with the structure to develop further in the coming years. 2026-30

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Bodegas Naia, Naia Verdejo 2024

La Seca. 13%

This is from the estate's old, dry-farmed vines in La Seca grown on the typical canto rodado soils of the town. It spends around 4 months on lees with about 30% in French barrels and at least three months in bottle before release. The wine is now displaying a lot of peach and green apple with marked wet stone tension on the palate. An incredibly fresh wine, it is satisfying now but will continue to develop with time. A class act for the mainstay of the winery. 2026-29

94

Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo, Calvius de Eulogio & Javier 2020

Nieva. 14%

Planted in 1947, this organic vineyard is in the southern, Segovian region of the DO and grown on typical sandy soils. It is 100% Verdejo fermented in 600L barrels but the oak just supports the wine which is fruit forward and layered. It is dominated by minerality and a stoney freshness with a creamy palate that has gained richness with time in bottle. 2026-28

94

Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo, El Lagar Azul Tinajas 2025

La Seca. 14%

From one of the older vineyards in the winery's portfolio, this comes from La Seca and is fermented and aged in clay tinaja. There is a very appealing ferrous note on the nose but the influence of the tinaja doesn't dominate. The palate is pure Verdejo with fennel and montebajo that mingle with caramelised pineapple and delicate tropical notes but the key thing is the structure of the wine which is bold and concentrated, and offers a fantastic interpretation of Rueda. Surely has the potential to age further... to be released in the spring. 2026-29

94

Bodegas Tres Pilares, Los Hermanos Fernandez 2023

La Seca. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

From bush vines over 65 years old in La Seca, this wine is left on both gross and fine lees, and even undergoes a little malolactic fermentation. With bright citrus aromas and marked salinity, it is a creamy and ample wine with buttery notes and a bitter almond finish. A wine that offers appealing balance. 2026-30

94

Bodegas Verdeal, 500 Flores 2022

La Seca. 14%

Verdeal's oak aged Verdejo is a big and bold white wine, fermented and aged for 14 months in 500L barrels. While there are woody notes, it is a structured wine with enough fruit to carry this and it will evolve gracefully with time. It is a wine marked by salinity and stone fruit, balanced by racy acidity. Very satisfying! 2026-30

94

Garciarévalo, Harena 2024

Matapozuelos. 13%

Garciarévalo couldn't use the grapes from the pre-phylloxera parcel they normally use for Harena but the alternative – a vineyard that normally goes into their lees aged wine – is a fantastic substitute! The wine is part fermented in stainless steel, part in concrete and foudre, resulting in peppery and herbal aromas with a touch of balsamic. The texture is fine but the palate profound with bay leaf and mint, and it should unfurl nicely over the coming years. 2026-31

94

Herrero Bodega, José María Herrero 2022

Nieva. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

With a low pH of 2,95, this is a white that really reflects its old vine Segovian origins at altitude (over 800m). It is aged on lees for eight months in stainless steel and then for two years in bottle before release. There are typical rope and hemp aromas that seem to mark the wines of Nieva, alongside lemon peel and almond. It offers serious palate weight supported by vibrant acidity, finishing with a lick of salinity. It is a wine that shows off an oxidative character of Verdejo without barrel and its savoury finish is delicious. 2026-30

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Marqués de Riscal, Finca Montico 2024

La Seca. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

One of the most distributed Gran Vinos of Rueda, Finca Montico doesn't disappoint. It comes from old vines in La Seca, part fermented in foudre, and is lively and fresh but marked with an inviting creaminess and a hint of vanilla yoghurt and lemon curd. It offers the structure and muscle of the typical stony soils of La Seca, resulting in a vibrant palate that will evolve beautifully over time. One of the classic references of the region. 2026-32

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Uvas Felices, El Perro Verde Selección Especial 2024

13.5%

Yet another great new wine from Rueda, this Verdejo is fermented in cement, foudre and stainless steel, and aged for 10 months with battonâge. Delicate smokey notes mingle with lemon peel and wet stone which open to a concentrated and mineral palate. It is a really frank and honest interpretation of the variety that will continue to develop in bottle over the next few years. 2026-29

94

Valdecuevas, Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica 2024

Rueda. 13.5%

From Finca La Pardina which surrounds the winery in Rueda, this Verdejo is fermented and aged for 12 months in French barrels of different sizes, and then finishes its ageing in amphora. It is a really balanced example of an oak-aged white with typical Verdejo bitterness and a lemony, creamy palate. Underpinned by bright acidity, it is an elegant example of the style. 2026-29

94

Valdecuevas, Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica 2025

Rueda. 13.5%

While this wine won't go into the market for a while, it is already very expressive and offers a lot of pleasure. With floral aromas and orange notes, the wine is balanced with an impressive, judicious use of oak. It is very reflective of its origins in Rueda with driven acidity and a stony, steely backbone, and it will develop beautifully in bottle over the coming months. 2026-30

94

Viñas Murillo, Chapiroete Fermentado en Barrica 2021

Alcazarén. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13.5%

From Murillo's old vines in Alcazarén, this wine is fermented in 500L French and Hungarian oak. The wine is oxidative in style with a generous palate framed by appealing balsamic notes and woody spice. Bright citrus aromas dominate, mingling with fresh mint and intense salinity. It is a complex wine that deserves time in bottle to express itself fully. 2026-33

BETH WILLARD RUEDA 2026 TOP 100

94

Vinos García Duque, Verdejo 2024

Rueda. 13.5%

A really classy Verdejo, this comes from Rueda itself and offers a very subtle and elegant interpretation of the variety. Its nine months in barrel and time in bottle has resulted in a complex wine with a serious palate and structure. Gentle lemon pith and saline notes are carried through the core of this wine which will develop further with time. It is a serious wine at the price. 2026-30

94

Vinos Sanz, Finca La Colina El Vencejo 2022

La Seca. Gran Vino de Rueda. 12.5%

A new wine that comes from El Vencejo vineyard in La Seca where vines are grown on sandy and clay soils. The wine is fermented in concrete eggs where it is aged for 12 months on lees. It is perfectly aged to drink now, even if it does have the capacity to evolve further. The wine is very expressive with attractive peach and wild flower aromas while the palate is marked by salinity and a fine, elegant structure. A really fantastic new launch from Vinos Sanz. 2026-30

93

Álvarez y Diez, Mantel Blanco Fermentado En Barrica 2024

Nava del Rey. 13.5%

A creamy, weighty Verdejo with balanced oak and fresh acidity, this is a really elegant interpretation of a barrel aged white. With green apple, white peach and a campari like lift, this is expressive and made to age further. It finishes with a touch of nougat and vanilla. A clever use of oak. 2026-29

93

Arroyo Izquierdo, Araquín 2024

Puras. Vino de Puras. 13%

With a little reduction on the nose, this Verdejo presents wet stone, algae and mineral aromas that open to a structured palate with direct acidity. It is grown on stony soils at 871m of altitude which comes through in the wine with a certain electricity and bright citrus fruit. It is a unique interpretation of Rueda Verdejo. 2026-28

93

Avelino Vegas, Isabel Arranz Carácter 2024

Segovia. 12.5%

Aged in oak for eight months, this comes from pre-phylloxera vines of very low yields grown in Santiuste, Moraleja de Coca, Aldeanueva del Cordonal and Aldehuela del Cordonal. The oak here is really well judged with notes of torrefacto and some balsamic freshness that frames and compliments the wine but doesn't dominate. Here there are dried fruits, citrus peel and saline aromas, opening to a palate with delicate stone fruit and a very fine texture. It is a wine that is immediately appealing now but will provide a lot of pleasure in the coming years. 2026-30

93

Bodega Cuatro Rayas, Caurenta Vendimias Verdejo Sobre Lías 2025

La Seca. 13%

A wine with great structure, this is Verdejo from the typical canto rodado soils of La Seca that also contain a lot of clay and some limestone. It is from the first parcels harvested, and they are looking for low pH's to produce a wine with great tension. With wet stone and stony vibrancy, it is a serious wine that offers lots of fennel, orange and lemon pith, and will continue to develop with further time in bottle. 2026-29

BETH WILLARD RUEDA 2026 TOP 100

93

Bodega Cuatro Rayas, Longverdejo 2023

Gran Vino de Rueda. 12.5%

Very old vines, some on original rootstock, make up the blend of this wine which is fermented in stainless steel, concrete and oak with indigenous yeasts to create a wine with a clear expression of the vineyard. It is at once creamy but vibrant with floral aromas and white peach which leads to a saline finish. A very honest and frank interpretation of the vineyards with a lot of potential to age over the coming years. 2026-29

93

Bodega Emina, Matarromera Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica 2024

Valdestillas. 13.5%

From the estate's Finca de las Piedras in Valdestillas, this Verdejo is fermented and aged in new oak from various coopers for seven months. It is a wine with substantial mouthfeel and a fine, grainy texture. Lemon, pear and a touch of nougat are lifted with a balsamic freshness. Firm and structured, this wine has with an appealing fennel twist on the finish and offers a lot of ageing potential. 2026-32

93

Bodega Emina, Verdejo Selección Cuvée 2024

La Seca. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13.5%

Emina's new wine is a great addition to their range. It comes from part of a 4 ha vineyard in La Seca and is fermented in a combination of stainless steel, 500L French barrels and amphora made from cocciopesto, lime mortar mixed with terracotta as per ancient Roman materials. The wine is fresh, textured and ample with appealing dried herbal notes, wild fennel and an earthy, hot stone character. A compelling wine that promises a lot in the future. 2026-30

93

Bodega La Granadilla, Dominio de La Granadilla Verdejo Viognier 2025

Villaverde de Medina & Nava del Rey. 13%

This is a blend that continues to deliver year on year. A 50/50 blend of Viognier and Verdejo, it offers the best of both varieties with perfumed aromatics, peach and orange, as well as a hint of tropical fruit. The texture is just a little bit oily, and while it is round and ample on the palate, it is driven by vibrant acidity. A different expression of Rueda, full of personality. 2026-28

93

Bodega La Granadilla, Las Amapolas Verdejo 2025

Villaverde de Medina & Nava del Rey. 13.5%

Stone fruit and salinity mark this wine which is a blend of Verdejo with 10% Sauvignon. There is a little barrel ageing here – just a touch – that adds some structure and framing, as well as bringing a hint of sweetness. It is a rich wine, basically a young white that offers a bit more complexity and will develop further with bottle age. 2026-29

93

Bodega La Soterraña, Eresma Verdejo Sobre Lías 2024

Olmedo & La Seca. 13%

Grown in the coolest part of Rueda, Olmedo and the canto rodado soils of La Seca, this Verdejo is really expressive and characterful after a year in bottle. With a salinity that underpins the wine, it is both fine and structured, offering a huge amount of value for the price point. There are typical aromas of fennel and dried herbs which open to wet stone vibrancy on the palate. Classic, young Verdejo at its best. 2026-29

93

Bodega Muelas de Tordesillas, Helena La Lía Francés 2023

Tordesillas. 13%

This is produced in the same way as the winery's Verdejo fermented and aged in Acacia, but this time they use French oak. The wood is judiciously handled, resulting in an elegant wine with a peachy palate mingled with herbal notes. It is a voluminous white with a long finish and finesse. 2026-29

BETH WILLARD RUEDA 2026 TOP 100

93

Bodegas Castelo de Medina, Castelo de Medina Sauvignon Blanc Vendimia Selección 2024

Villaverde de Medina. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13.5%

Steely and stony, this Sauvignon is very representative of the structured, almost austere character that the variety can offer in Rueda. It is grown on gravelly, sandy soils and aged for nine months on lees. There are aromas of lemon and green apple that open to a citrusy and acid-driven palate. Another wine that offers great value and different interpretation of the Gran Vino category. 2026-28

93

Bodegas Castelo de Medina, Castelo de Medina Verdejo Vendimia Seleccionada 2024

Villaverde de Medina. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13.5%

From the same parcel in Villaverde de Medina – Finca La Dehesa – with an altitude of 800m, this Verdejo is aged for nine months on lees with three months in French oak. It is a very fresh and direct white wine with thyme, bay leaf and white pepper aromas that open to typical aniseed and bitter lemon. It is a classic Verdejo that reflects its origins. 2026-29

93

Bodegas Félix Sanz, Viña Cimbrón Verdejo Selección 2024

Rueda. 13%

Fermented in concrete eggs and aged on lees, this is really bright and elegant and shows off the lemony, citrus character of the variety. It is structured and offers stony vibrancy, reflecting its origins on a mix of canto rodado and sandy soils. A bargain at the price. 2026-28

93

Bodegas José Pariente, Verdejo 2025

13%

Yet again, the young verdejo from José Pariente is excellent with lots of palate weight and concentration. With grapes that come from different soils across the region, this is fermented in a combination of concrete, stainless steel and oak, depending on the parcel. The result is a fabulously textured wine with lots of citrus fruit and green apple, as well as some very appealing peppery, pithy and minty notes. It finishes with typical fennel that lifts the wine. One of the best unaged whites in the region. 2026-29

93

Bodegas Jovellar, Begoña Jovellar 2022

Riberas de Castronuño. 14%

This is the first vintage of a new wine from Begoña Jovellar, fermented and aged for ten months in a mix of French, American and Spanish oak. From vineyards in the western part of Rueda, where it borders Toro, the wine offers bitter citrus peel, peach and a touch of mango. It is a classically oak-aged white with obvious oxidative notes, a grainy texture and sweet, woody spice that leads to a persistent finish. A really interesting new wine in Rueda that needs some time in bottle. 2026-30

93

Bodegas Naia, Naia Sauvignon Blanc 2024

La Seca. 12.5%

From one parcel of 44 year old Sauvignon Blanc with low yields, this white is fermented in used French barrels. It is quite peppery with dried herbs and a strong grassy character while the palate is textured, a bit creamy and reveals an appealing note of lychee. There is a strong La Seca personality to this wine, resulting in a vibrant, structured and savoury Sauvignon. 2026-29

BETH WILLARD RUEDA 2026 TOP 100

93

Bodegas Pandora, Pandora Sauvignon Blanc 2025

Nueva Villa de los Torres. 12.5%

This is a really appealing Sauvignon Blanc that offers both varietal and regional typicity. It comes from sandy and stony soils, and is fermented with indigenous yeast. Aromas of lychee and grapefruit open to a pithy, lively palate with an intense, citrus profile. A more elegant style of Sauvignon that is both immediate but will maintain its freshness for quite a while to come. 2026-28

93

Bodegas Pandora, Pandora Verdejo 2025

13%

Young and vibrant, this is an excellent example of a fresh Verdejo without any extended ageing. From Pandora's organic vineyards, the wine is citrusy with green apple and peach, and finishes with a pithy bitterness. It is racy, expressive and offers wonderful value. Delicious! 2026-28

93

Bodegas Pita, Pita Sauvignon Blanc 2025

Rubí de Bracamonte. 13%

Lovely pithy, bitter citrus fruit dominates this fresh and racy white that shows off the variety's character in the southern parts of Rueda. With direct acidity, the wine is very varietal with a touch of green apple and lemon, and an ample mouthfeel. It is elegant, stony and finishes with an attractive grassy note. 2026-28

93

Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo, El Quinto Paraje 2024

La Seca. 13%

Half fermented in stainless steel and half in barrel - where it stays for a few months - the wine spends time on lees before being released into the market in its second year. There is a really nice combination of creamy generosity on the palate, balanced by salinity and fine, elegant acidity. It is defined by its limestone soils with a chalky texture, and the finish is moreish. A great example of why Verdejo is worth a bit more time in bottle. 2026-29

93

Bodegas Tres Pilares, Tres Pilares Verdejo Selección 2024

La Seca. 13%

An oak-aged Verdejo from canto rodado soils, this white is fermented in stainless steel and (30%) in barrel. The oak is a little present right now, bringing some vanilla and coffee notes, but the structure and intensity of fruit suggests it will soften quickly with time in bottle. With racy lime and lively minerality, it is a wine that displays the typicity of its origins in La Seca. 2026-30

93

Bodegas Verdeal, 20 de Abril Organic & Acacia by Verdeal 2024

La Seca. 13.5%

Verdeal's organic Verdejo is aged for 7 months in 500L acacia oak, resulting in a pretty white wine with white floral aromas, lemon and green pea. The palate offers a lovely expression, gently framed by a grainy texture and delicate spice from the oak. It is a wine with a unique personality and impressive finesse. 2026-29

93

Bodegas Vinisimo, Pecholiebre, El Verdejo Valiente 2024

Foncastín. 13%

Simple, pure Verdejo, this shows off the development of the variety after a year in bottle. With pineapple, green pea and lime aromas, the wine is very expressive. From vineyards grown on clay, gravelly soils, it reveals a deliciously rich palate and more development to come. Delicious! 2026-29

BETH WILLARD RUEDA 2026 TOP 100

93

Bodegas Viore, Viore Sobre Lías 2024

Rueda. 14%

The grapes for Viore's lees aged Verdejo comes from a single vineyard grown on canto rodado soils with a good quantity of limestone. With really appealing aromas of citrus fruit and pine needle, the wine opens to a generous and ample palate balanced by fresh, limey acidity. The finish is saline, persistent and very moreish. A classy wine at the price point. 2026-29

93

Bodegas y Viñedos Shaya, Shaya Habis Ecológico 2023

13.5%

Shaya's organic Rueda is aged for 8-9 months in barrel but then aged for a couple of months in concrete which has brought a sense of integration and freshness to the wine. It is still creamy with woody spice but the mineral, stony aspect of the wine has come to the fore. With a certain elegance, this is a fresher style of an oak aged white that is very satisfying. 2026-30

93

Bodegas y Viñedos Shaya, Shaya Verdejo Ecológico 2024

Aldeanueva del Codonal. 13.5%

Shaya's organic Verdejo is a bolder style, oak-aged white from the region that will appeal to a large audience in many markets. 30% of the wine is fermented in barrel, the rest in stainless steel with bâtonnage. The resulting wine has a creamy texture and an inviting sweet, vanilla note from the wood, but lively citrus fruit and green apple nicely balance the wine. There are typical fennel and floral aromas, and a lot of concentration. It is a wine that deserves further ageing. 2026-29

93

Bodegas y Viñedos Yllera, Yllera Sauvignon Blanc 2025

Medina del Campo. 13%

All the fruit for this wine comes from La Capitán vineyard in Medina del Campo on a combination of sandy and stony, clay soils. The fermentation is done in several ways, part with a touch of skin and part in barrel to add some complexity and aromatic impact. It is a more tropical style of Sauvignon Blanc compared to many in the region but subtle and fine with a touch of orange and grapefruit, opening to a very pithy palate which is both voluminous but elegant. It is certainly fruitier than many in the region and finishes saline. Delicious! 2026-28

93

Bodegas Valdehermoso, 5,000 Verdejo 2025

Nava del Rey. Vino de Pueblo. 13.5%

With great poise and elegance, this single parcel wine is mostly fermented in stainless steel and aged on lees, with a tiny part in barrel that brings a little added complexity. The nose is very attractive with grapey aromas and pineapple, opening to immediately appealing weight and intensity on the palate. Great value for a wine of this complexity. 2026-29

93

Comenge, Comenge Colección 2024

Rueda. 13%

Classic, creamy Verdejo with lots of varietal character, Comenge's 2024 Verdejo has benefited from time in bottle. It comes from the family's vineyards grown on clay and limestone soils with canto rodado. There is a hint of balsamic and mint on the nose, surely stemming from time on lees, and typical green apple and peach on the palate. It is a wine that combines elegance and structure, and will continue to evolve. 2026-29

93

Compañía de Vinos Telmo Rodriguez, El Transistor 2025

La Seca. 13%

The 2025 vintage of this wine displays a great combination of wet stone and minerality, intertwined with pine needle freshness. The palate is just creamy enough to be generous and immediately appealing, but the steely, metallic drive of the wine indicates further ageing to come. The pithy finish is moreish and emphasises the wine's vibrancy and tension. 2026-30

BETH WILLARD RUEDA 2026 TOP 100

93

Diez Siglos, Momento Diez 2024

Valdestillas. Gran Vino de Rueda. 14%

This is a Gran Vino de Rueda that offers a very pure aged Verdejo character without any makeup. It is fermented and aged for eight months in tank on lees with bâtonnage, resulting in a certain palate weight with custard apple and pear. The stony soils of the paraje Los Alemendros mark the palate with an appealing vibrancy leading to a pithy finish. Well structured, with the potential to develop further in bottle, it is a bargain at this price. 2026-29

93

Félix Lorenzo Cachazo, Carrasviñas Fermentado en Barrica 2024

Polzadez, La Seca and Rueda. 13.5%

Fermented in 300L and 500L French and American barrels (but more French), this comes from vines grown on stony soils and shows the steely vibrancy that is typical from this part of Rueda. With regular battonnage, the palate displays a certain richness and concentration but the freshness of this vintage is impressive. The oak is discreet, finely framing the wine and adding a little woody spice. It is a really elegant example of an oak-aged wine at a very accessible price. 2026-29

93

Finca Montepedroso, Verdejo Sobre Lías 2024

Rueda. 12.5%

Having spent nearly a year in bottle, the 2024 vintage of Montepedroso is floral with hints of hard boiled sweets and stone fruit. This is a wine built to last with the stony structure and minerality of Rueda itself: in some ways austere but with the ability to continue to evolve beautifully. Fermented in stainless steel, it is a very pure expression of Verdejo without any makeup. 2026-28

93

Garciarévalo, Finca Tresolmos Verdejo Lías Orgánico 2025

Matapozuelos. 13%

Young and timid right now, it will open up and develop more with time as the evolution of the 2024 vintage indicates. Bright citrus fruit and pineapple mingle with minty aromas, as well as a touch of bay leaf and fennel. There is lovely palate weight, without in any way weighing heavily, cut with bright acidity and lifted by a little salinity. A structured, promising wine. 2026-29

93

Garciarévalo, Harena Viura 2023

Matapozuelos. 12.4%

The only 100% Viura in Rueda, this comes from Garciarévalo's vineyards planted on the sandy soils of Matapozuelos. The wine is fermented in foudres and aged on lees in the winery's underground caves. Pear and citrus fruit lead to an intensely saline finish, and while it doesn't have the vibrancy of Verdejo, it reveals a rich and creamy palate with substantial structure. A wine that will develop nicely with time in bottle. 2026-32

93

Hermanos del Villar, Oro de Castilla Finca Los Hornos 2023

Rueda. Gran Vino de Rueda. 13%

From the Finca Los Hornos vineyard grown on stony soils, this Verdejo is fermented in stainless steel then finishes in 850L foudres where it ages for 14 months. It offers a herbal profile with stone fruit and balsamic notes. The oak is quite present now but will soften with time which this wine deserves. Give this wine another year – it will be a rewarding wait! 2026-29

BETH WILLARD RUEDA 2026 TOP 100

93

Marqués de Riscal, Verdejo Sobre Lías Finas 2025

Rueda & La Seca. 13%

From older vines of over 25 years of age, this comes from classic canto rodado soils planted on terraces. It is a really classy wine at this price point that reflects the stonier terrain of Rueda. There is real structure and intensity, with a rich and concentrated palate that is driven forward by racy acidity. A fantastic new launch from Riscal. 2026-28

93

Pago del Cielo, Celeste Verdejo 2024

Villafranca del Duero. 13%

Grown at the very western edge of the DO Rueda where it meets Toro, this Verdejo comes from complex soils of gravel, clay and canto rodado. It is fermented in a mix of concrete eggs, stainless steel and French oak, and it has benefited from some time in bottle. With pear, apple and citrus aromas, the wine offers both finesse but structure and is driven by a steely core. A really complex wine that shows off the complexity of the estate's vineyards. 2026-28

93

Palacio de Bornos, Fermentado en Barrica 2024

13.5%

Bornos sources the grapes for this wine from Rueda, La Seca and Pollos. The wine is aged in 225L French barrels and aged for four months, resulting in fine, grainy woody tannins and appealing savoury notes. It is creamy on the palate, but not broad, with incense and wood spice. The oak is going to soften with time and will evolve into an inviting, aged white. 2026-30

93

Palacio de Bornos, La Caprichosa Verdejo 2025

Rueda. 13.5%

This still has around two months to go on lees and then a few months in bottle before release. Pineapple and white pepper notes on the nose open to a rich and satisfying palate. At the time of tasting, it is a bit leesy but the palate weight is fantastic and it promises to develop into a concentrated and layered wine with good balance. A good example of vineyard selection, grape selection and nice lees ageing. Great value to boot. 2026-29

93

Uvas Felices, Fenomenal Sauvignon Blanc 2024

Rueda. 13.5%

This comes from the less productive part of the winery's Sauvignon Blanc parcel in Rueda with vines around 40 years old. A bit reductive, this has great palate weight and concentration. The fruit profile ranges from citrus to exotic with grapefruit pith and lychee, supported by intense minerality. It is a really accomplished white at a very appealing price point that reflects the Rueda terroir. 2026-28

93

Valdecuevas, 724 Viognier 2025

Rueda. 13.5%

Fermented and aged in amphora, as well as spending some time in barrel, this is the first time the winery is releasing the wine as 100% Viognier. It is a very elegant white wine which shows off the potential of the variety in Rueda. There is a stony freshness that supports peach and pineapple with a slightly oily texture. A really nice point of difference for the region. 2026-29

93

Viñas Murillo, Chapirete Verdejo Sobre Lías 2025

Alcazarén. 13.5%

Dried herbal aromas combine with fresh bay leaf, aniseed and white pepper to create a complex and substantial lees aged white. The wine reflects the vintage, offering slightly less expression on the nose but lots of body and structure on the palate. Elegant acidity drives the wine which will continue to evolve gracefully in bottle. It will be released in the market in spring, after around six months of ageing. 2026-29

Reds

93

Bodegas Pita, Pita Garnacha 2024

Rubí de Bracamonte. 14%

The only 100% Garnacha in the DO, this is a delicious expression of the variety. It is perfumed with floral aromas and raspberry on the nose that opens to a fleshy palate driven by stony freshness. The wine combines a lightness of touch with intense fruit. A great new launch! 2026-29

93

Bodega Muelas de Tordesillas, Muedra Tinto 9 Meses 2023

Tordesillas. Gran Vino de Rueda. 14.5%

The first red Gran Vino in Rueda, this comes from stony soils planted on slopes in Tordesillas. Aged in old oak, this is a deliciously approachable red with floral notes and dried herbs that open to a palate full of red cherry and strawberry fruit. It is steely and vibrant with lots of tension but still finishes with appealing red berries. 2026-31

93

Javier Sanz Viticultor, Colorado Cenicienta 2024

La Seca. 13.5%

The winery's Cenicienta (local grape, Cinderella in English) continues to evolve. Give this wine some time to open up in the glass and it will reveal aromas of undergrowth, bay leaf and black pepper. It is on the right side of green, offering a fresh, vibrant tobacco note that binds this wine together, while also presenting layers of dark berry fruit on the palate. It has a certain Galician character but maintains its Castilian spirit. Unique! 2026-30



Sparkling

93

Bodegas Pita, Pita Método Ancestral 2023

Rubí de Bracamonte. 13%

A new release from Pita which is really exciting, this is a Pet Nat with some age that results in a really serious sparkling wine. 100% Verdejo, there is clear varietal character with bitter pithy aromas and stone fruit on the palate. With green apple crunch on the finish, the wine is long, complex and very interesting (while still offering broad appeal). A fantastic new interpretation of Rueda that maintain's the spirit of the region. 2026-31

93

Bodega Emina, Emina Gran Añada Brut 2019

La Seca. 12.5%

New to the range, this is a seriously well-crafted sparkling wine. It is aged for five years on lees which results in a complexity not always found in this style of wine. With marked Verdejo traits of lime, lemon and bitter almond, it also displays champagne-like qualities of brioche and bready notes. It finishes with lots of salinity and fennel, keeping it crisp and dry. 2026-30

Sweet

94

Valdecuevas, Dulce 2024

La Seca. 17%

A sweet wine made from Sauvignon Blanc from a single parcel of 45 years' age in La Seca, this is a complex and unique wine. It spends 6 months in demijohns and 12 months in 500L barrels and 1,200L foudre. The wine displays delicate honeycomb aromas with floral notes, chamomile and apple. It is on the right side of volatile, lifted and racy, and it finishes crunchy and fresh. Delicious! 2026-30

Generoso

100

Bodegas De Alberto, De Alberto VORR NV

21%

Spectacular! De Alberto's VORR is a special edition wine from part of the original Dorado solera-like system which has not been touched since 2002. As such, it offers a unique character – a super-charged, uniquely-aged Dorado that is incredibly complex. The Verdejo character of this fortified wine shines with citrus peel and salinity that is enveloped with linseed oil, cocoa and coffee. It is driven by direct and piercing acidity which points to the wine's long life...a modern wine that speaks to the region's past. 2026-36

97

Bodegas De Alberto, De Alberto Pálido NV

15%

Floral with chamomile and almond aromas, this is light and inviting with a wonderfully fresh, fino-like palate. There's a touch of green tea, matcha and horchata with serious influence from the flor. As it opens up in the glass, it reveals more and more... one of the great fortified styles of Spain that truly reflects Rueda in its own unique way. The best saca of this wine that I have tasted. 2026-36

97

Bodegas De Alberto, De Alberto Dorado NV

17%

Simply delicious! This is a particularly elegant saca of De Alberto's Dorado with loads of citrus peel, hazelnuts and salty cashews. It is very smooth and balanced with a truly fluid and velvety palate that is lifted by vibrant acidity. The wine offers a defined Verdejo character that combines with a classic fortified profile, preserving one of Spain's great traditions. 2026-36

97

Félix Lorenzo Cachazo, Carrasviñas Dorado NV

Pozaldez. 15%

Cachazo's Dorado is made from a blend of Palomino (from one of the old vineyards that remains in the region) and Verdejo, aged for 24 months in demijohns and a further 24 months in used 300L barrels. The wine displays a pale golden colour with citrus peel, chamomile and marzipan aromas. It is welcomingly toasty with an elegant and vibrant palate that leads to a lick of almond on the finish. A wine that keeps getting better year on year. 2026-32

97

Bodegas José Pariente, 25 de José Pariente NV

Rueda. 17%

New to the range, this comes from the very first vineyard (planted in 1943) that Victoria Pariente vinified and is aged statically in French barrels for many years. It is an oxidized style of wine, reminiscent of solera-aged wines but with no fortification, and presents bitter almond, hazelnut and citrus peel aromas. There is also a hint of orange chocolate, peach and lots of salinity. The result is a highly complex wine with a unique character that blends the past and present of Rueda. 2026-30

95

Bodega Cuatro Rayas, 61 Dorado En Rama NV

17%

An important part of the history of the winery and the region, this wine always impresses and if anything, is showing even greater finesse and elegance. It is a fabulous expression of the style with zesty citrus peel that combines with nougat, caramel and coffee notes. The woody notes from extended oak ageing are appealing, offering some woody spice and polished aromas, adding to the complexity of the wine. It is at once direct but rich, and hugely satisfying! 2026-36

94

Bodegas De Alberto, De Alberto Dulce NV

17.5%

Traditionally aged in demijohns in the sun for 12 months, followed by extended ageing in oak, this sweet Dorado is immediately appealing with delicate honeyed aromas that intertwine with candied citrus fruit and orange peel. The palate is layered with apricot, quince and some dried herbal notes, creating a silky and somewhat voluptuous texture. It is a wine of finesse and laden with personality. 2026-30



Complete Scores A-Z

Indicative prices are listed as found in the Spanish market in January 2026.

BODEGA	BRAND	VINTAGE	STYLE	CLASSIFICATION	SUBZONE	SCORE	ABV%	€ PRICE
Álvarez y Diez	Bento Verdejo Orgánico	2025	White		Nava del Rey	90	12.5	7
Álvarez y Diez	Labyrinthus Petra	2023	White		Nava del Rey	94	13.5	18
Álvarez y Diez	Mantel Blanco Fermentado En Barrica	2024	White		Nava del Rey	93	13.5	16
Álvarez y Diez	Mantel Blanco Sauvignon	2025	White		Nava del Rey	91	13.0	11
Álvarez y Diez	Mantel Blanco Verdejo	2025	White		Nava del Rey	92	13.0	11
Álvarez y Diez	Silga Verdejo	2025	White		Nava del Rey	90	12.5	6
Arroyo Izquierdo	Araquín	2024	White		Puras	93	13.0	12
Arroyo Izquierdo	Demimo	2025	White		Puras	92	13.0	8
Arroyo Izquierdo	Mus Lías Viñas Viejas	2024	White	Gran Vino	Puras	94	13.0	12
Arroyo Izquierdo	Siete Llaves Sauvignon Blanc	2024	White		Puras	92	13.0	8
Avelino Vegas	Finca de la Luna Verdejo	2025	White			88	12.5	5
Avelino Vegas	Isabel Arranz Carácter	2024	White		Segovia	93	12.5	24
Avelino Vegas	Montespino Verdejo Sobre Lías	2025	White		Segovia	92	13.0	10
Avelino Vegas	Nelke Verdejo	2025	White			89	13.0	5
Avelino Vegas	Nicte Sauvignon	2025	White			89	13.0	5
Avelino Vegas	Nicte Verdejo Barrica	2025	White		Segovia	90	13.0	7
Avelino Vegas	Nicte Verdejo Ecológico	2025	White		Santiuste, San Cristobal	90	13.0	6
Belondrade	Belondrade y Lurton	2024	White		La Seca	96	14.0	45
Beronia	Laslias de Beronia	2024	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	97	13.0	17
Beronia	Verdejo	2025	White			91	13.0	8
Bodega Cuatro Rayas	61 Dorado En Rama	NV	Generoso			95	17.0	30
Bodega Cuatro Rayas	Amador Diez	2021	White	Gran Vino		92	12.0	13
Bodega Cuatro Rayas	Caurenta Vendimias Cuvée	2023	White	Gran Vino		90	12.5	18
Bodega Cuatro Rayas	Caurenta Vendimias Verdejo Sobre Lías	2025	White		La Seca	93	13.0	8
Bodega Cuatro Rayas	Four Lines Verdejo	2025	White			89	12.5	8
Bodega Cuatro Rayas	Longverdejo	2023	White	Gran Vino		93	12.5	16
Bodega Emina	CM Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica	2025	White		La Seca	92	13.5	23
Bodega Emina	Emina Gran Añada Brut	2019	Sparkling		La Seca	93	12.5	15
Bodega Emina	Matarrromerra Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica	2024	White		Valdestillas	93	13.5	28
Bodega Emina	Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		La Seca	89	13.5	7
Bodega Emina	Verdejo Selección Cuvée	2024	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	93	13.5	na
Bodega Emina	Verdejo Sobre Lías	2025	White		La Seca	90	13.5	7
Bodega Gótica	Badajo Verdejo	2025	White			89	12.5	3
Bodega Gótica	Polígono 10	2025	White			89	12.5	7
Bodega Gótica	Trascampanas Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Nava del Rey	88	13.0	7
Bodega Gótica	Trascampanas Verdejo	2025	White			89	13.0	7
Bodega La Granadilla	Dominio de la Granadilla Fermentado en Barrica	2013	White		Villaverde de Medina, Nava del Rey	92	13.0	12
Bodega La Granadilla	Dominio de La Granadilla Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Villaverde de Medina, Nava del Rey	91	13.0	9
Bodega La Granadilla	Dominio de La Granadilla Verdejo	2025	White		Villaverde de Medina, Nava del Rey	90	13.0	8
Bodega La Granadilla	Dominio de la Granadilla Verdejo Selección Familiar	2023	White		Villaverde de Medina, Nava del Rey	94	13.0	15

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Bodega La Granadilla	Dominio de La Granadilla Verdejo Viognier	2025	White		Villaverde de Medina, Nava del Rey	93	13.0	10
Bodega La Granadilla	La Amapolas Verdejo	2025	White		Villaverde de Medina, Nava del Rey	93	13.5	14
Bodega La Soterraña	Eresma Cuvée Especial	2023	White	Gran Vino	Olmedo	94	13.0	18
Bodega La Soterraña	Eresma Fermentado en Barrica	2023	White	Gran Vino	Olmedo	92	13.0	18
Bodega La Soterraña	Eresma Sauvignon Blanc	2024	White			91	13.0	18
Bodega La Soterraña	Eresma Verdejo Sobre Lías	2024	White		Olmedo, La Seca	93	13.0	9
Bodega Martinsancho	Martinsancho	2022	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	98	13.0	17
Bodega Martinsancho	Martinsancho	2024	White		La Seca	94	13.5	14
Bodega Muelas de Tordesillas	Helena La Lía Acacia	2023	White		Tordesillas	94	13.0	25
Bodega Muelas de Tordesillas	Helena La Lía Francés	2023	White		Tordesillas	93	13.0	17
Bodega Muelas de Tordesillas	Muedra Crianza Roble Español	2019	Red		Tordesillas	91	14.5	22
Bodega Muelas de Tordesillas	Muedra Tinto 9 Meses	2023	Red	Gran Vino	Tordesillas	93	14.5	10
Bodega Muelas de Tordesillas	Muedra Verdejo	2023	White		Tordesillas	92	13.0	7
Bodega Solar de Muñosancho	Prius	2022	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	95	13.0	15
Bodegas Blanco Nieva	Blanco Nieva Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Nieva	92	13.5	10
Bodegas Blanco Nieva	Blanco Nieva Verdejo	2025	White		Nieva	91	13.5	10
Bodegas Blanco Nieva	Pie Franco	2021	White	Gran Vino	Nieva	95	13.5	30
Bodegas Blanco Nieva	Pie Franco Verdejo	2025	White		Nieva	94	13.0	14
Bodegas Castelo de Medina	Castelo de Medina Sauvignon Blanc Vendimia Selección	2024	White	Gran Vino	Villaverde de Medina	93	13.5	6
Bodegas Castelo de Medina	Castelo de Medina Verdejo Vendimia Seleccionada	2024	White	Gran Vino	Villaverde de Medina	93	13.5	6
Bodegas Castelo de Medina	Verdejo Prefiloxérico	2021	White			95	13.0	90
Bodegas Cyatho	Cyatho Sauvignon Blanc	2024	White		La Seca	89	12.5	7
Bodegas Cyatho	Cyatho Verdejo	2025	White		La Seca	90	12.5	7
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto 80 Aniversario	2021	White	Gran Vino		94	13.5	20
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto 80 Aniversario	2023	White	Gran Vino		94	13.5	20
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto Dorado	NV	Generoso			97	17.0	35
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto Dulce	NV	Generoso			94	17.5	35
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto Organic Verdejo	2025	White		Serrada	89	13.5	7
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto Pálido	NV	Generoso			97	15.0	40
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White			90	13.5	7
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto Verdejo Finca El Oro	2025	White		Medina del Campo	90	13.5	7
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto Verdejo Sobre Lías	2024	White			90	13.5	7
Bodegas De Alberto	De Alberto VORR	NV	Generoso			100	21.0	109
Bodegas De Alberto	Monasterio de Palazuelos Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White			88	13.5	5
Bodegas De Alberto	Monasterio de Palazuelos Verdejo	2025	White			88	13.5	5
Bodegas De Alberto	Monasterio de Palazuelos Verdejo Viura	2025	White			88	13.5	5
Bodegas De Alberto	Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica	2023	White			95	13.5	16
Bodegas Félix Sanz	Piedras de Cimbrón	2022	White	Gran Vino	Rueda	94	13.5	27
Bodegas Félix Sanz	Viña Cimbrón Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica	2024	White		Rueda	91	13.0	17
Bodegas Félix Sanz	Viña Cimbrón Verdejo Selección	2024	White		Rueda	93	13.0	11
Bodegas José Pariente	25 de José Pariente	NV	White		Rueda	97	17.0	70
Bodegas José Pariente	Finca La Medina	2023	White		Hornillos de Eresma	96	13.0	32
Bodegas José Pariente	Finca Las Comas	2022	White		La Seca	95	13.5	48
Bodegas José Pariente	Las Fincas de José Pariente	2024	White		La Seca, Aldeanueva del Codonal, Hornillos de Eresma	95	13.5	20
Bodegas José Pariente	Verdejo	2025	White			93	13.0	11
Bodegas Jovellar	Begoña Jovellar	2022	White		Riberas de Castronuño	93/4	14.0	28

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Bodegas Marqués de Cáceres	Excellens Verdejo	2025	White		Serrada, La Seca	90	14.0	
Bodegas Marqués de Cáceres	La Capilla	2024	White		Serrada, La Seca	91	14.5	13
Bodegas Marqués de Cáceres	Sauvignon Blanc	2024	White		Serrada, La Seca	89	14.5	9
Bodegas Marqués de Cáceres	Verdejo	2025	White		Serrada, La Seca	89	14.0	7
Bodegas Naia	K-Naia	2025	White			90	13.5	7
Bodegas Naia	Naia Sauvignon Blanc	2024	White		La Seca	93	12.5	19
Bodegas Naia	Naia Verdejo	2024	White		La Seca	94	13.0	19
Bodegas Naia	Náiades Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica	2022	White	Gran Vino		95	14.0	24
Bodegas Naia	S-Naia	2025	White		La Seca	91	12.5	9
Bodegas Pandora	Pandora Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Nueva Villa de los Torres	93	12.5	11
Bodegas Pandora	Pandora Verdejo	2025	White			93	13.0	10
Bodegas Pandora	Pandora Veredejo Ecológico	2025	White		Pozaldez	91	13.0	13
Bodegas Pita	Finca La Bonera	2023	Red		Rubí de Bracamonte	90	14.5	13
Bodegas Pita	Pita Finca Cantera	2023	White		Rubí de Bracamonte	97	13.5	25
Bodegas Pita	Pita Garnacha	2024	Red		Rubí de Bracamonte	93	14.0	16
Bodegas Pita	Pita Método Ancestral	2023	Sparkling		Rubí de Bracamonte	93	13.0	20
Bodegas Pita	Pita Rosado	2025	Rosé		Rubí de Bracamonte	91	13.5	10
Bodegas Pita	Pita Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Rubí de Bracamonte	93	13.0	11
Bodegas Pita	Pita Terracota	2024	White		Rubí de Bracamonte	96	13.0	42
Bodegas Pita	Pita Verdejo Sobre Lías	2025	White		Rubí de Bracamonte	91	13.0	10
Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo	Calvius de Eulogio & Javier	2020	White		Nieva	94	14.0	36
Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo	El Lagar Azul Tinajas	2025	White		La Seca	94	14.0	19
Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo	El Quinto Paraje	2024	White		La Seca	93	13.0	12
Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo	Palo Norte	2020	White		La Seca	97	13.5	60
Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo	Sanzo Verdejo	2025	White		Rueda, La Seca	91	13.0	8
Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo	Verdejo Bajo Velo	2023	White		La Seca	95	13.5	19
Bodegas Tres Pilares	Los Hermanos Fernandez	2023	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	94	13.0	15
Bodegas Tres Pilares	Tres Pilares Vedejo Selección	2024	White		La Seca	93	13.0	12
Bodegas Tres Pilares	Tres Pilares Verdejo Sobre Lías	2025	White		La Seca	91	12.0	10
Bodegas Val de Vid	Musgo Verdejo	2025	White		Serrada	89	12.5	
Bodegas Val de Vid	Rolland Galarreta Verdejo, Parcela 23	2024	White		Serrada, La Seca	90	13.0	18
Bodegas Val de Vid	Val de Vid Criado en Barrica	2023	White		Serrada, La Seca	90	13.0	14
Bodegas Val de Vid	Val de Vid Verdeo	2025	White		Serrada, La Seca	91	12.5	7
Bodegas Verdeal	20 de Abril Organic & Acacia by Verdeal	2024	White		La Seca	93	13.5	13
Bodegas Verdeal	500 Flores	2022	White		La Seca	94	14.0	24
Bodegas Verdeal	Verdeal Verdejo	2024	White		La Seca	90	13.5	10
Bodegas Vinisimo	Pecholiebre, El Verdejo Valiente	2024	White		Foncastín	93	13.0	7
Bodegas Vinisimo	Pimpollo	2025	White		Foncastín	90	13.0	6
Bodegas Viore	Viña Albina Verdejo	2025	White			89	13.5	7
Bodegas Viore	Viore Organic	2025	White		Serrada	90	13.5	9
Bodegas Viore	Viore Sobre Lías	2024	White		Rueda	93	14.0	12
Bodegas Viore	Viore Verdejo	2025	White			91	13.5	8
Bodegas y Viñedos Shaya	Shaya Habis Ecológico	2023	White			93	13.5	25
Bodegas y Viñedos Shaya	Shaya Verdejo Ecológico	2024	White			93	13.5	13
Bodegas y Viñedos Shaya	Vidilla Verdejo Ecológico	2025	White			91	13.0	8
Bodegas y Viñedos Vicaral	Vicaral Fermentado en Barrica	2022	White		Valdestillas, Serrada	91	12.0	12
Bodegas y Viñedos Vicaral	Vicaral Monovarietal	2025	White		Valdestillas, Serrada	90	13.0	6
Bodegas y Viñedos Yllera	Meraldís	2023	White	Gran Vino	Aldenueva de Cordonal	95	13.5	22
Bodegas y Viñedos Yllera	Viña Cantosan 50 Aniversario	2024	White	Gran Vino	Rueda	95	13.5	na

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Bodegas y Viñedos Yllera	Yllera Chardonnay	2025	White		Medina del Campo	91	13.0	7
Bodegas y Viñedos Yllera	Yllera Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Medina del Campo	93	13.0	7
Bodegas y Viñedos Yllera	Yllera Verdejo	2025	White			91	13.0	7
Bodegas Valdehermoso	5,000 Verdejo	2025	White		Nava del Rey	93	13.5	7
Bodegas Valdehermoso	Lagar del Rey Fermentado en Barrica	2022	White		Nava del Rey	91	13.5	8
Bodegas Valdehermoso	Lagar del Rey Verdejo Lías	2025	White		Nava del Rey	91	13.0	6
Bodegas Valdehermoso	Sotavento Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Nava del Rey	90	13.5	6
Campo Eliseo	Campo Eliseo	2023	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	95	14.0	14
Campo Eliseo	Cuvée Alegre	2024	White		La Seca	93	13.0	14
Campo Eliseo	Harmonía Sauvignon Blanc	2022	White		La Seca	96		90
Campo Eliseo	Hermanos Lurton Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		La Seca	91	13.0	9
Campo Eliseo	Hermanos Lurton Verdejo	2025	White		La Seca	90	13.5	9
Comenge	Comenge Colección	2024	White		Rueda	93	13.0	11
Compañía de Vinos Telmo Rodríguez	Basa	2025	White			90	12.5	10
Compañía de Vinos Telmo Rodríguez	El Transistor	2025	White		La Seca	93	13.0	25
Diez Siglos	Fermentado en Barrica	2024	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	92	14.0	
Diez Siglos	Momento Diez	2024	White	Gran Vino	Valdestillas	93	14.0	14
Diez Siglos	Sauvignon Organic	2025	White		Serrada	90	13.5	
Diez Siglos	Verdejo Organic	2025	White			90	13.0	8
Diez Siglos	Verdejo Sobre Lías	2025	White			90	13.0	7
Félix Lorenzo Cachazo	Carrasviñas Brut	NV	Sparkling		Pozaldez	91	12.5	9
Félix Lorenzo Cachazo	Carrasviñas Dorado	NV	Generoso		Pozaldez	97	15.0	16
Félix Lorenzo Cachazo	Carrasviñas Félix	2022	White	Gran Vino	Alcazarén	96	13.0	28
Félix Lorenzo Cachazo	Carrasviñas Fermentado en Barrica	2024	White		Polzadez, La Seca, Rueda	93	13.5	12
Félix Lorenzo Cachazo	Carrasviñas Verdejo	2025	White			91	13.0	13
Finca Montepedroso	Enoteca	2023	White		Rueda	95	12.5	29
Finca Montepedroso	Verdejo Sobre Lías	2024	White		Rueda	93	12.5	8
Garcíarévalo	Finca Tresolmos Verdejo Classic	2025	White		Matapozuelos	91	13.0	8
Garcíarévalo	Finca Tresolmos Verdejo Lías Orgánico	2025	White		Matapozuelos	93	13.0	9
Garcíarévalo	Harena	2024	White		Matapozuelos	94	13.0	16
Garcíarévalo	Harena Tinaja	2024	White	Gran Vino	Matapozuelos	96	13.0	25
Garcíarévalo	Harena Viura	2023	White		Matapozuelos	93	12.4	na
Hermanos del Villar	Oro de Castilla Finca Los Hornos	2023	White	Gran Vino	Rueda	93	13.0	18
Hermanos del Villar	Oro de Castilla Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Rueda, La Seca	90	13.0	9
Hermanos del Villar	Oro de Castilla Verdejo	2025	White		Rueda, La Seca	91	13.0	8
Herrero Bodega	Errer de Herrero Verdejo	2025	White		Segovia	90	13.5	8
Herrero Bodega	José María Herrero	2022	White	Gran Vino	Nieva	94	13.0	19
Herrero Bodega	Robert Vedel Cepas Viejas Verdejo	2022	White		Segovia	90	13.0	11
Javier Sanz Viticultor	Colorado Cenicienta	2024	Red		La Seca	93	13.5	40
Javier Sanz Viticultor	Finca Saltamontes	2019	White		La Seca	95	13.0	43
Javier Sanz Viticultor	Javier Sanz Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White			92	13.0	12
Javier Sanz Viticultor	Javier Sanz Verdejo	2025	White			91	13.0	10
Javier Sanz Viticultor	Malcorta	2024	White		La Seca	92	13.0	20
Javier Sanz Viticultor	Rosado Bruñal	2024	Rosado		La Seca	91	12.5	15
Liberso	Curioso Verdejo	2023	White			94	13.5	17
Marqués de Riscal	Finca Montico	2024	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	94	13.0	16
Marqués de Riscal	Limousin	2024	White	Gran Vino	Rudea, La Seca, Segovia	97	13.5	19
Marqués de Riscal	Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White			90	13.0	12

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Marqués de Riscal	Verdejo	2025	White			90	13.0	9
Marqués de Riscal	Verdejo Sobre Lías Finas	2025	White		Rueda, La Seca	93	13.0	9
Pago del Cielo	Celeste Verdejo	2024	White		Villafranca del Duero	93	13.0	8
Pagos del Rey	Analivia Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Medina del Campo	90	13.0	8
Pagos del Rey	Analivia Verdejo	2025	White		La Seca, Serrada	90	13.0	7
Pagos del Rey	Blume Verdejo Ecológico	2025	White			89	13.0	6
Pagos del Rey	Blume Verdejo Selección	2025	White		La Seca, Serrada	88	13.0	6
Pagos del Rey	Gilda Verdejo	2025	White		Pollos	90	13.0	4
Pagos del Rey	La Camioneta Verdejo	2025	White		Pocal de Gallinas	88	13.0	6
Palacio de Bornos	Brut	NV	Sparkling			89	12.5	8
Palacio de Bornos	Brut Nature	NV	Sparkling			91	12.0	11
Palacio de Bornos	Fermentado en Barrica	2024	White			93	13.5	9
Palacio de Bornos	La Caprichosa Verdejo	2025	White		Rueda	93	13.5	10
Palacio de Bornos	Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White			89	13.5	9
Palacio de Bornos	Selección Bornos	2024	White	Gran Vino	Rueda	95	13.0	8
Palacio de Bornos	Verdejo	2025	White			90	13.5	7
Palacio de Bornos	Verdejo Semidulce	2025	White			89	12.5	9
Protos	Protos Reserva	2022	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	95	13.0	22
Protos	Protos Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		La Seca	91	13.0	11
Protos	Protos Verdejo	2025	White			91	13.0	8
Ramón Bilbao	Early Harvest Verdejo	2025	White		Rueda	90	11.0	13
Ramón Bilbao	Finca La Amedias	2021	White		Rueda	96	13.0	45
Ramón Bilbao	Ramón Bilbao Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Rueda	91	13.0	12
Ramón Bilbao	Ramón Bilbao Verdejo	2025	White			90	13.0	9
Ramón Bilbao	Sobre Lías	2023	White		Rueda	95	12.5	14
Uvas Felices	El Perro Verdejo	2025	White			91	13.5	12
Uvas Felices	El Perro Verde Selección Especial	2024	White			94	13.5	24
Uvas Felices	Fenomenal Sauvignon Blanc	2024	White		Rueda	93	13.5	12
Uvas Felices	Fenomenal Verdejo	2025	White			91	13.5	11
Uvas Felices	La Locomotora Sauvignon Blanc	2024	White		Rueda	90	13.5	8
Uvas Felices	La Locomotora Verdejo	2025	White		La Seca, Serrada	90	13.0	8
Valdecuevas	724 Viognier	2025	White		Rueda	93	13.5	14
Valdecuevas	Dulce	2024	Sweet		Rueda	94	17.0	
Valdecuevas	Orange	2024	Orange		Rueda	91	13.5	18
Valdecuevas	Rosé	2025	Rosé		Rueda	90	13.5	8
Valdecuevas	Sauvignon Blanc	2025	White		Rueda	89	13.5	8
Valdecuevas	Verdejo	2025	White		Rueda	91	13.0	7
Valdecuevas	Verdejo Cuvée	2025	White		Rueda	91	13.5	16
Valdecuevas	Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica	2024	White		Rueda	94	13.5	14
Valdecuevas	Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica	2025	White		Rueda	94	13.5	14
Viñas Murillo	Chapirete Fermentado en Barrica	2021	White	Gran Vino	Alcazarén	94	13.5	18
Viñas Murillo	Chapirete Preflórico Edición Limitada	2024	White	Gran Vino	Alcazarén	95	13.5	
Viñas Murillo	Chapirete Verdejo Sobre Lías	2025	White		Alcazarén	93	13.5	12
Viñas Murillo	Valdihuete Verdejo	2025	White		Alcazarén	92	13.5	8
Vinos García Duque	Verdejo	2024	White		Rueda	94	13.5	14
Vinos Sanz	Finca La Colina El Vencejo	2022	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	94	12.5	25
Vinos Sanz	Finca La Colina Fermentado En Barrica	2023	White	Gran Vino	La Seca	91	12.5	20
Vinos Sanz	Finca La Colina Sauvignon Blanc	2024	White		La Seca	90	13.5	16
Vinos Sanz	Finca La Colina Verdejo	2024	White		La Seca	92	13.5	12



Winemakers of Rueda



Clockwise from top left: Rodríguez y Sanzo; Beronia; Bodega La Soterraña; Ramón Bilbao; Viñas Murillo

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