

Spanish Wine Tasting

April 27, 2023



Wines We Will Be Tasting



La Caña
Albariño 2020



Vatan Nisia
Verdejo 2021



Rectoral de Amandi
Matilda Nieves
Mencia 2020



Raul Perez Ultreia
Saint Jacques
2020



Bodegas
Valderiz Ribera
del Duero 2019

La Caña Albariño 2020

- Region: D.O. Rias Baixas
- Grape(s): 100% Albariño
- Appearance: Straw yellow with golden hints
- Aromas: Fresh, bright and zesty with lime, nectarine and green apple
- Palate: Medium body, crisp dry wine that is ideal with seafood
- Acidity: fresh citrus
- Alcohol: 13.5%
- Ratings: 90 – 92 points from multiple reviewers
- Conclusions: Very good food wine, especially for under \$20



Wine Temperature and Breathing

We drink our white wines too cold. Take them out of the refrigerator 30 minutes before pouring.

We drink our red wines too warm. Put them in the refrigerator for 45-60 minutes before pouring.

We generally are drinking very young wines that really need to breathe to show their flavors. Open the bottle 6-8 hours before serving or decant 3-4 hours before serving . Both red and white wines.

Rias Baixas

- "Denominación de Origen" or D.O. is a very good indicator of good quality wine.
- Some winemakers feel constrained by the limitations that the D.O. puts on them and choose to make and sell wines that do not have a D.O. designation on the label.
- The five darker areas are five sub regions of the D.O. that have gotten approval to put their location name on the bottle as a further quality indicator.
- We stayed two days in the beautiful old Parador in Baiona





Pictures of Rias Biaxas

Pictures of Rias Baixas - Sidewalk market





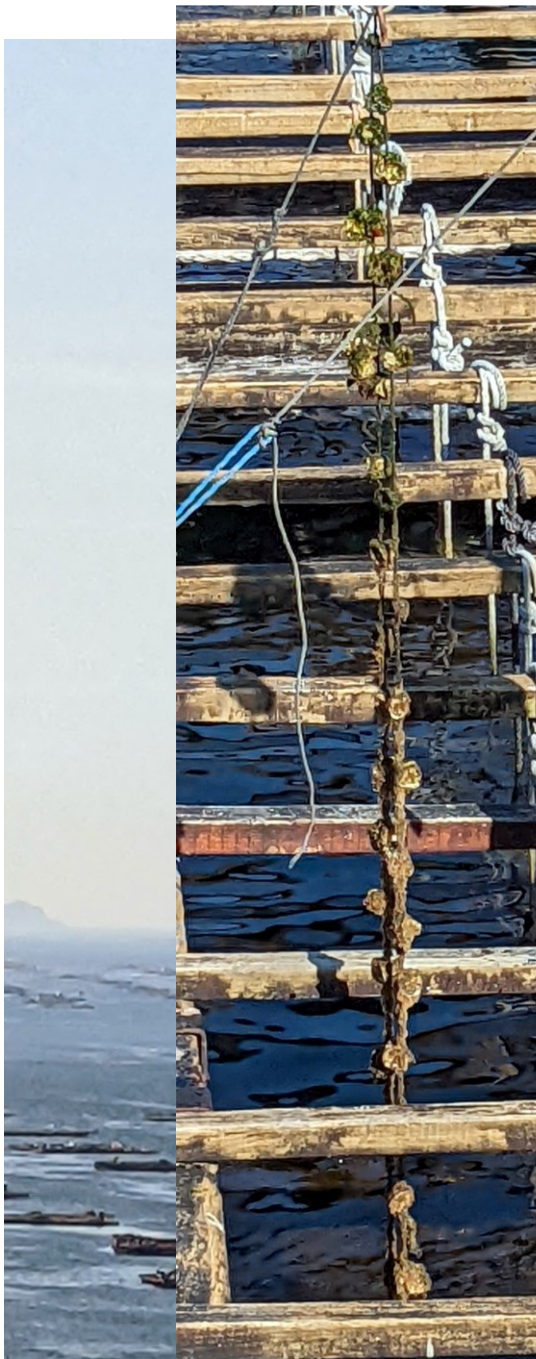
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Rias Biexas
- Seafood



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Pictures of Rias Biexas - Seafood

Recommended Albariño wines

Martin Codax – Co-op wine, \$15

Quinta Couselo “O Rosal” - \$18

Turonia - \$18

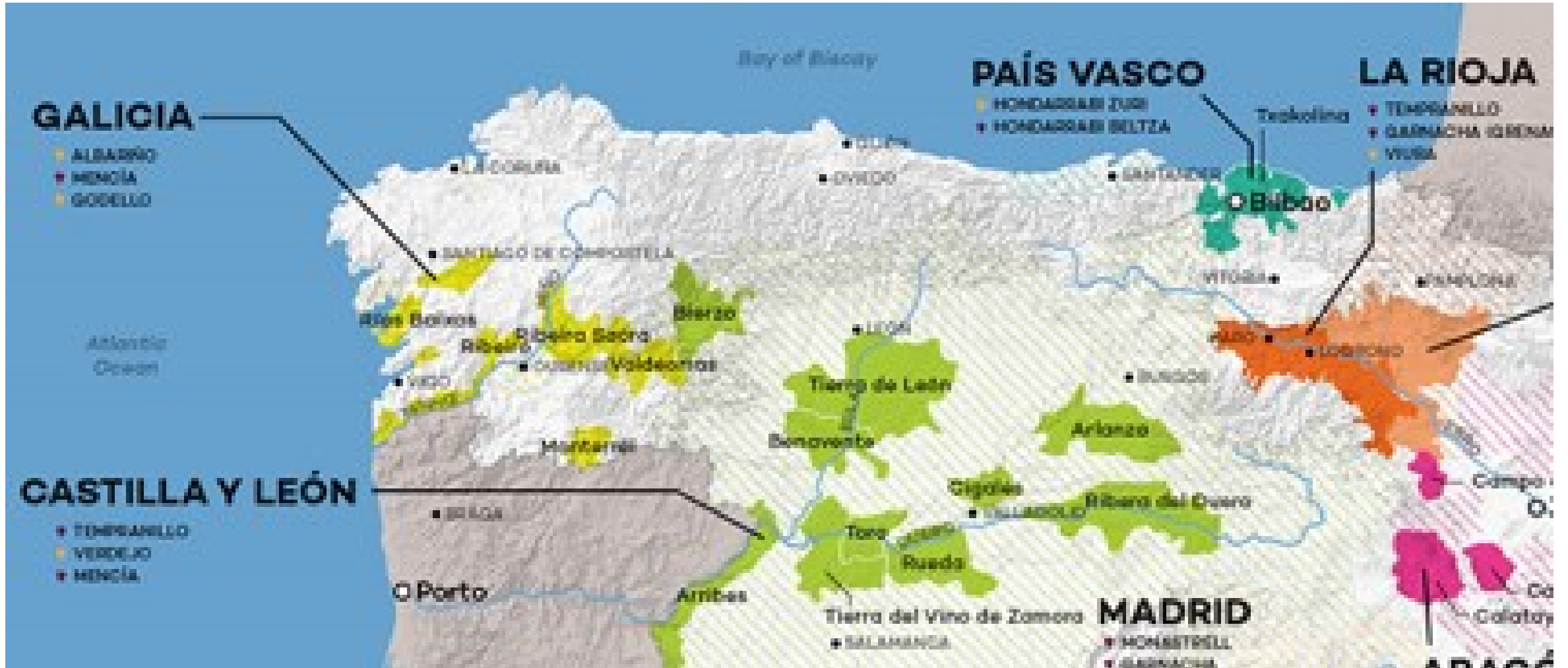
Nortico Alvarinho – From Portugal,
\$16

Vatan Nisia Verdejo 2021

- Region: D.O. Rueda
- Grape(s): 100% Verdejo
- Appearance: Golden
- Aromas: Bright aromas of passionfruit, pineapple, and minerality
- Palate: Medium body with a rich texture balanced by flavors of yellow and green fruit
- Acidity: Bright acidity
- Alcohol: 14%
- Ratings: 90 – 92 points from multiple reviewers
- Conclusions: Very different from 1st wine. Able to partner with spicy and very flavorful poultry. Good alternative to Chardonnay.



Wine Regions We Are Sampling



Three Types of Grape Vines in Spain



Espaldera

Traditional Wire Trained



En Vaso

No Wire Training



Pergolas

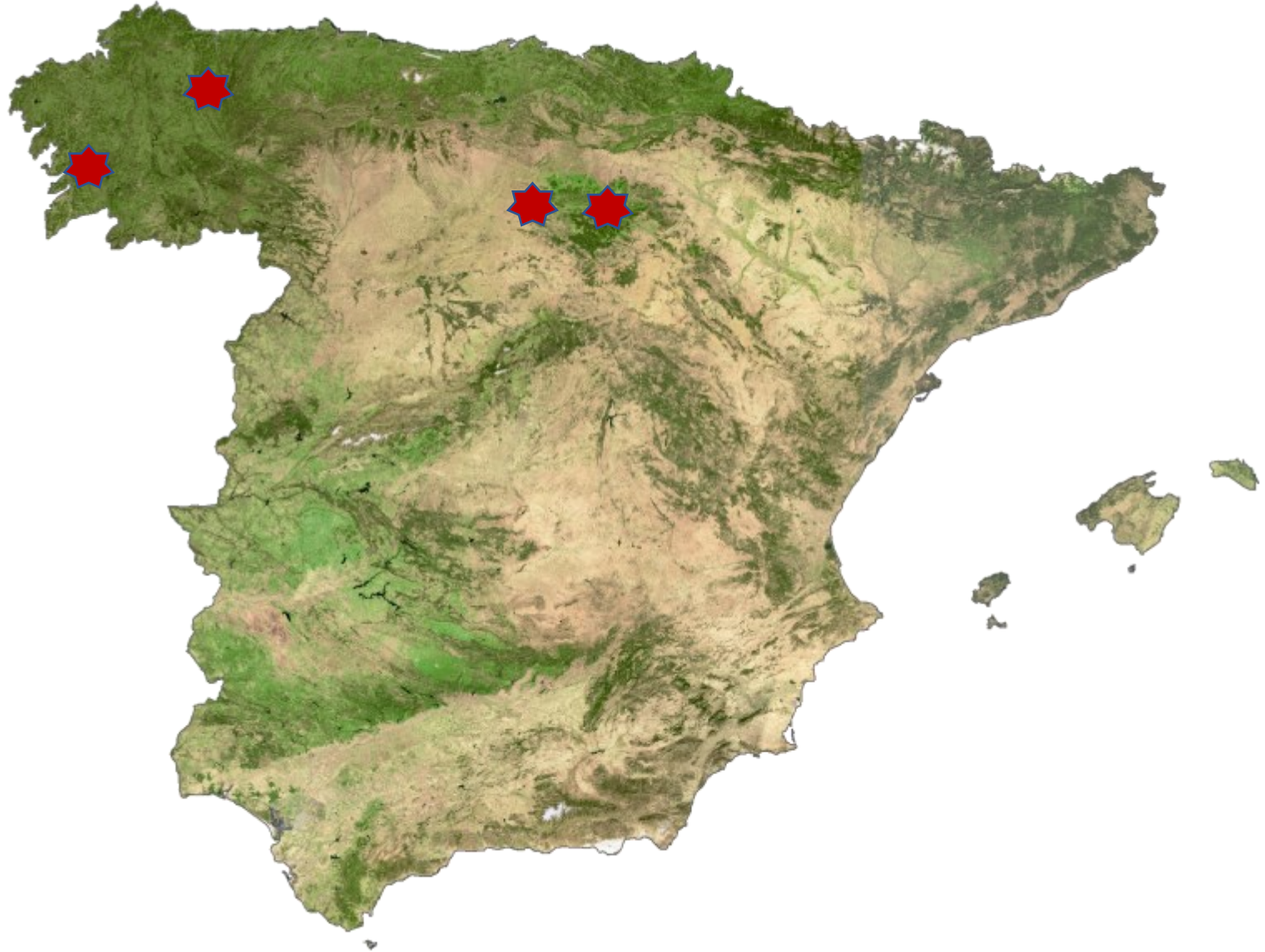
Wine Canopies

Very Old En Vaso Vines



Topographic Map of Spain

Red stars are where the
wines we are drinking came
from



Recommended Rueda wines

Javier Sanz Verdejo - \$13

Javier Sanz Malcorta - \$18

Rectoral de Amandi Matilda Nieves

Mencia 2020

- Region: D.O. Ribera Sacra
- Grape(s): 85% Mencia, 8% Garnacha and 7% Sousón. Vines range from 5 to 60 years old
- Appearance: Deep red-violet color
- Aromas: Fragrant with ripe dark plum, blackberry, mulberry and blueberry aromas
- Palate: Medium body with silky and mouth-filling with dark berry and ripe plum flavors. Fresh, vibrant, and silky on the palate. Tannins are velvety. Pairs very well with Lamb, Pork, and Beef.
- Acidity: Sweet juicy acidity
- Alcohol: 13%
- Ratings: Silver medalist at International Wine and Spirit Competition
- Conclusions: Great table wine and a Best Buy at \$16

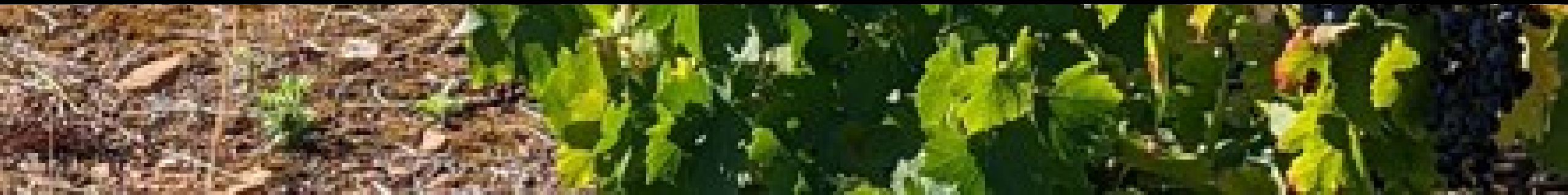




Walking the Vineyard at Casar de Burbia



Mencia En Vaso Vines Ready For Harvest





Wine Making and Tasting

Raul Perez Ultreia Saint Jacques 2020

- Region: D.O. Bierzo
- Grape(s): 100% Mencia
- Appearance: Dark red, medium bodied wine
- Aromas: Floral, spicy aromas with hints of underbrush
- Palate: Juicy, well-structured red fruit with great vibrancy and length on the palate. A long finish is marked by hints of herbs and coffee bean
- Acidity: Well balanced fruit and acidity
- Alcohol: 13.5%
- Ratings: 92-95 points from multiple reviewers
- Conclusions: Very good. A Best Buy at this price.



Wine Folly Graphic on Mencia



Recommended Mencía wines

Casar de Burbia Mencia – Bierzo. \$15

Casar de Burbia Hombros Mencia – Bierzo. \$20

Casar de Burbia Tebaida Mencia – Bierzo. \$25

Descendientes de Jose Palacios Petalos – Bierzo. Consistently getting 93-95 points from multiple reviewers. \$27

Bodegas Valderiz Ribera del Duero 2019

- Region: D.O. Ribera del Duero
- Grape(s): Tempranillo
- Appearance: Dark ruby red
- Aromas: Black fruit, leather, chocolate
- Palate: Full bodied and balanced. big mouthful of creamy, satin-like tannins interwoven with the fruit. Long and impressive. Flavors of ripe black currant, fig, wild sage, and mocha that slowly unfurl on the palate.
- Acidity: Well balanced
- Alcohol: 15%
- Ratings: 94 points from both James Suckling and Wine Spectator
- Conclusions: Will age nicely for at least 15 years. Very good, reasonably priced



Vineyard Running Down To The River & Winemaking in the Cellar





Cellar Tour at Valduero

Wine Tasting Lunch at Valduero





Five Liter Wine Bottle From
Their Cellar

Recommended Ribera Del Duero Wines

- Valduero Tierra Alta En 2 Maderas, 95 Points from Wine Decanter - \$29
- Valduero Unacepa - \$36
- Valduero Tierra Alta En 2 Cotas Reserva - \$37
- Valduero 6 Anos Reserva Premium, 97 points from Wine Decanter - \$68
- Vinos Torremoron Tempranillo, 89-91 points - \$17

Other Recommended Spanish Wines



Ramon Canals Reserva Rose
Cava from the Penedes
Region outside of Barcelona
- \$16



Finca Viña Treixadura
Dry white wine from the
Riberio D.O. - \$22



Evodia Old Vine Garnacha
From the Calatayud region
90 Point wine for > \$15



Bodegas Exopto- La Rioja D.O.
94 points from Wine Advocate
- \$35



Discussion and Feedback