

## THE ALLURING FRESHNESS OF SPAIN

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### AVANCIA

Bodegas Avancia, Avancia Cuvée de O Godello 2016 | **91pts**

*"Vibrant and expressive with ripe tropical fruits and a really juicy and fleshy peach-flavored palate. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### AVANTE

Bodegas Ordóñez SL ~ Ribera del Duero, Avante 2014 | **91pts**

*"A little overdone but some pretty stone, grape skin and dark fruit with hints of tea leaves. Medium to full body, and a chewy finish. Needs time to soften. Try in 2019."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### TRITON

Bodegas Ordóñez SL ~ Toro, Triton Tinta de Toro 2016 | **92pts**

*"Plenty of bright and attractive fruit on the nose with summer berry compote and complementary meaty and spicy oak. The palate has attractive plush sweet fruit presence in an easy-drinking mode. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)



### La Caña

Bodegas La Caña, La Caña Navia 2014 | **91pts**

*"Deep-set white peach and white almond nougat character with some creamed honey. The palate has expansive, fleshy and phenolic power. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Breca

Bodegas Breca, Breca 2014 | **91pts**

*"Very rich, ripe and plush dark plum and cherry fruits on the nose with chocolate panforte on the palate. It pushes smooth and even. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

Bodegas Breca, Garnacha de Fuego 2015 | **90pts**

*"Boot polish, coal and smoky, savory elements sit across dried plum and spiced fig fruits on the nose and palate. Tannins stretch out ripe and slightly sinewy. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

## Muga

### Bodegas Muga, Aro 2010 | **100pts**

*"Cuts deep and long with such confidence and beauty. Extreme power and balance. Effortless. Dark berry and blueberries with clay and limestone undertones. Blend of tempranillo 70% and graciano 30%. 5,000 bottles. Drink in 2020."*

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### Bodegas Muga, La Flor de Muga Rosé 2016 | **93pts**

*"This is a new limited production rosé made from old vine garnacha that shows stone and white peach character. It turns to orange peel. Full and bright with a wonderful energy and freshness. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Muga, Blanco 2016 | **92pts**

*"Extremely perfumed with white peach and sliced apple aromas and hints of stone. Full body, tight and bright. Lovely acidity and intensity. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Muga, Muga Reserva Unfiltered 2013 | **93pts**

*"This is an excellent 2013 with such purity and finesse. Cherry, stone and light cedar aromas follow through to a full body, very fine tannins and a fresh and clean finish. Hints of cedar. It shows a focused energy. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Muga, Muga Rosado 2016 | **91pts**

*"Lovely rosé with strawberry, peach and flower aromas and flavors. Medium body, light phenolic tension and a crisp finish. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Muga, Muga Selección Especial 2012 | **95pts**

*"A linear and super-fine wine with black cherry and berry character and hints of flowers. Full body yet very tight and closed. Beautiful texture. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Muga, Prado Enea Gran Reserva 1978 | **98pts**

*"So much strawberry and mushroom character with cedar aromas. Perfumed. Grand cru Burgundy. Full body, dense and so layered. The balance and finesse and length is exceptional. Decadent spice. Shows 1978 character. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Muga, Prado Enea Gran Reserva 1991 | **95pts**

*"The balsamic and ripe fruit character is very impressive with a dense and silky texture that shows so much generosity at this age. Full and gorgeous. Chewy and savory. Holding on beautifully."*

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### Bodegas Muga, Prado Enea Gran Reserva 2006 | **98pts**

*"This is amazing traditional Rioja with a complexity and beauty of ripe fruit and long aging. Unique. Full body, ultra-fine tannins, tobacco, vanilla, plums and prunes. It lasts for minutes on the palate. Three years aged in oak and three years in bottle. 80% tempranillo with the rest of the classic varieties. All from high altitude vineyards."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Muga, Prado Enea Gran Reserva 2009 | **97pts**

*"Gorgeous aromas of ripe fruit, Spanish cedar and dark chocolate. Full body with beautiful flavors of fresh strawberries and raspberries. Super polished and refined. Lovely tension. Refined and polished. A wine with superb depth. Always a masterpiece. Better in 2018 but a joy to taste now."*

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### Bodegas Muga, Torre Muga 2014 | **96pts**

*"This is laser-guided with wet earth, blackberry and mahogany. Very perfumed. Full body, yet tight and focused with supporting tannins. Very polished and clear. Pure. A blend of tempranillo and graciano. Drink 2020."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Muga, Muga Gran Reserva 1976 | **95pts**

*"Very layered and fresh with dried fruit, spice and cedar notes, and dried cherry, too. Medium body, fresh and bright. Vivid. Lacey. Shows warmth of the vintage. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)



**DOMINIO  
DE EGUREN**  
SOCIEDAD LIMITADA

### Dominio de Eguen, Protocolo White 2016 | **87pts**

*"Some leesy, reductive complexity across ripe, peachy fruits. The palate has a smooth, fleshy core. Soft and easy. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Dominio de Eguen, Protocolo Tinto 2015 | **90pts**

*"Plenty of punchy oak, tarry notes and grapefruit peel with some boysenberries and strawberries too. The palate has punchy, crunchy tannins and builds fresh dark plum stone flavor through the finish. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)



VIÑEDOS DE PÁGANOS

### Viñedos de Paganos, Calados del Puntido 2013 | **94pts**

*"Quite modern, ripe and showy with a wealth of ripe dark plum fruit bathed in vanilla-scented fresh oak. The palate is smooth, with very attractive flow and build. It delivers full flavour. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Viñedos de Paganos, El Puntido 2013 | **93pts**

*"A rich and fully realised expression of ripe, dark plum, with plenty of earthy interest. The palate has a succulent core of dense, rich plum, too, with cola flavor. An open-knit wine. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Viñedos de Paganos, El Puntido Gran Reserva 2006 | **95pts**

*"A lot of black tea and earthy character. Dark and powerful with considerable tannins for a Rioja of this age. Long, imposing finish. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)



Teso La Monja, Victorino 2014 | **93pts**

*"Dense black fruit character, rich silky tannins and nice freshness. The finish of is really silky in the rather coarse Toro context. Drink now."*

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*Ramírez de la Piscina*

Bodegas Ramírez de la Piscina, Selección Reserva 2011 | **91pts**

*"Ripe dark berries and plums on the nose with toasty and spicy oak. The palate has impressive sweet and ripe dark plum fruit, plenty of oak spice and bright, balanced tannins. Drink now."*

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Bodegas Volver ~ Alicante, Tarima 2016 | **92pts**

*"Great black fruit that is fully ripe without a hint of overripeness. This is a big, rich wine. Rather fine and generous tannins help it carry the high-ish alcohol. Almost silky at the long finish."*

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Bodegas Volver ~ La Mancha, Paso A Paso Tempranillo 2016 | **90pts**

*"Attractive blackcurrant and purple cherry fruits are laid out across a smoothly-rendered mellow palate. Drink now." [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)*

Bodegas Volver ~ La Mancha, Volver Single Vineyard 2015 | **92pts**

*"Super-deep blackberry and mulberry fruit with some plum cake and black tea. The palate delivers a really saturated impression, plum essence. A silky finish. Drink now." [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)*

## Alto Moncayo

### Bodegas Alto Moncayo, Veraton 2014 | **93pts**

*"Much brighter and fresher than the other garnachas from this producer with herbal, orange peel and delicate berry notes. The tannins are fresh and almost crisp, easily balancing the full body. Long dry finish of some complexity."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

## BORSAO

### Bodegas Borsao, Berola 2014 | **90pts**

*"Plenty of poached raspberry fruit on the nose with a swathe of ripe blackberry-soaked tannins on the palate. Doughy and ripe finish. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Borsao, Borsao Garnacha 2016 | **88pts**

*"The fruit note is reminiscent of blackcurrant cordial and the sweetness isn't completely balanced by the moderately dry tannins. A little on the simple side. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Borsao, Borsao Macabeo Chardonnay 2016 | **88pts**

*"At once bold and fresh with a ripe citrus character and a crisp finish. An an easy wine to enjoy in spite of some tannins."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Borsao, Borsao Rosé 2016 | **87pts**

*"Light watermelon and crushed strawberry fruits. The latter carry through on the slightly sweet palate. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Borsao, Monte Oton 2016 | **87pts**

*"A bit jammy on the nose, but on the palate there are some nice tannins that would do so much more for the wine if the grapes hadn't been picked overripe. Drink now."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)

### Bodegas Borsao, Viña Borgia 2016 | **88pts**

*"A hint of sweetness. Quite good depth and some nice tannins at the finish. Drink now. Screw cap."* [www.jamessuckling.com](http://www.jamessuckling.com)