



## ***Spain: The Appellations Along the Duero River- Superb 2016s and Very Primising 2018s.***

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Vintage	Wines Name	RP Ratings
2017	Garmón	93
2018	Mauro Godello	93
2017	Mauro	92+
2016	Mauro VS	94
2016	Terreus	98
2017	Terreus	96
2018	San Román Malvasía	92
2017	Prima	91
2016	San Román	94
2015	Cartago	95

# Garmón Continental



## Garmón 2017

*93 points*



The 2017 Garmón was the first vintage fermented in their own winery, and the wine went through malolactic and an élevage of 18 months in barrique, but they increased the percentage of used barrels. The fruit is very clean and a mixture of red and black, and the tannins are soft, a bit grainy, with integrated oak. Like many of the 2017s from the family, the wine shows really well; they did a good job in a very challenging year. 50,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in June 2019.

They used more grapes from Moradillo and other villages where frost didn't reach. The result is that the 2017s keep the balance and poise and were even able to keep the volume.

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## **Mauro Godello 2018**

***93 points***

The one white produced here, of which the current vintage is the 2018 Godello, was made with grapes from Bierzo but sold as Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y León. This is aromatic and expressive, showing the varietal profile, with nicely integrated oak. It fermented very slowly in 500-liter used oak barrels, where the wine is kept with the full lees until bottling. There are notes of yellow fruit, with good ripeness and volume, opulent with very good freshness. It finishes very tasty and salty. 8,500 bottles were filled in July 2019.

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## **Mauro 2017**

### ***92+ points***

The 2017 Mauro, from a very challenging year, feels like a real triumph over the conditions of the harvest, as they had some zones where they didn't have any frost. The wine feels complex and with moderate acidity. Furthermore, they now use 4,000-liter oak foudres for the *élevage* of part of the wine.

This some tannins, and it has grip and balance, a chalky texture and a dry, serious finish. They did shorter macerations and managed to keep the freshness. They were able to keep the volume to 299,000 bottles.

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## **Mauro VS 2016**

***94 points***

The Reserva style 2016 VS is the prototype of Mauro wine—ripe and generously oaked, a wine for the long haul. It feels a bit riper than other 2016s, a little more opulent, with sweet tannins, open expressive and with some creaminess.

This matured for 26 months in French oak barrels, some 80% of them new. It is a flashy expression of VS, round and generous. 42,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in January 2019.

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## Terreus 2016

*98 points*



The 2016 Terreus Paraje de Cueva Baja had a rare combination of power and elegance, concentration and freshness. 2016 has to be one of the finest vintages for this wine, with great balance, freshness, ripe and round tannins with very good grip. This went through malolactic in barrique where the wine matured until it was bottled, always two winters after the harvest.

Nothing has changed here, origin, vinification or élevage, so what differences you see are due to the vintage. I tasted it next to the 2017. It has length and very good freshness, with great finesse. 9,800 bottles produced. It was bottled in August 2018.

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## Terreus 2017

*96 points*

I also tasted the 2017 Terreus Paraje de Cueva Baja, which had amazing balance even after only one month after bottling. There is amazing finesse and balance, the oak is beautifully integrated and the wine is floral and terribly pleasant.

They did a softer vinification with a shorter maceration, and they used less new oak. It all paid off. This has to be among the finest 2017s from the Duero zone. 9,900 bottles produced. It was bottled in September 2019.

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## San Román Malvasía 2018

### *92 points*

The second vintage of the white from Toro is the 2018 Malvasía, produced with Doña Blanca grapes, which are known locally as Malvasía Castellana, a more austere grape that shows more the soil than the variety. This matures in 500-liter oak, and it goes unnoticeable.

Bottled without malolactic, it felt a little reductive and austere at first. It's a grape that shows vibrant acidity and minerality. This is delicious now but has the balance and stuffing to develop in bottle. 2,400 bottles were filled in July 2019.

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## Prima 2017

### *91 points*



The entry-level 2017 Prima has meaty notes, hints of iron and soil. San Román had less influence from the killer frosts of the year, and the wines are not as structured. The grape harvest for this wine started in August, the earliest ever. Surprisingly enough, the wine is more aromatic and floral than ever, perhaps the influence of Garnacha.

It has a serious, chalky palate, dry and tasty. A surprise for the vintage. 208,000 bottles produced. It was bottled in February 2019. This matured in 500-liter barrels and foudres, and the oak is very integrated

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## San Román 2016

*94 points*

The 2016 San Román was cropped from a generous vintage, which meant great balance in the grapes, good freshness, very fine tannins and less concentration. Having said that, I think the wine has great aging potential; it's not really a light wine (it's Toro after all), and it has structure and good grip and a classical profile, still quite generously oaked and in need of some time in bottle. They used a small percentage of 500-liter barrels for the élevage of some plots. It should turn into a very classical García wine with a few years in bottle. 100,000 bottles produced. It matures in oak for two years. It was bottled in January 2019.

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## Cartago 2015

*95 points*

The 2015 Cartago Paraje del Pozo comes from a more opulent vintage and feels quite different from the rest of wines from the García family I tasted next to it. 2015 is a warmer and more tannic vintage.

This feels a little more classical, a serious wine designed to develop in bottle, where it should absorb the oak. It had a long élevage of 30 months. It was bottled in July 2018.

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