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93 R. López de Heredia Viña Tondonia Rioja White Viña Tondonia Reserva 1990 \$49 Brioche, chamomile and dried pear flavors are rich and expressive in this polished white. Silky and fresh on the palate, with a haunting honeyed and floral finish. Best on its own, as a meditation wine. Drink now. 1,666 cases made.—T.M.

89 R. López de Heredia Viña Tondonia Rioja White Viña Gravonia Crianza 1999 \$31 Almond, tea, caramel and orange peel flavors mingle in this silky white, which has mature flavors, yet the attack is still full and lively, and there's even a bit of tannic grip. Drink now through 2012. 2,408 cases made.—T.M.

88 Bodegas La Purísima Monastrell Yecla Trapío 2004 \$25 A gutsy wine, with mocha and spice highlighting the currant, black cherry and sandalwood flavors. There's firm acidity and tannins that are just integrating at this point and should continue to do so. Throw some steak on the grill. Drink now through 2014. 920 cases made.—A.N.

87 Bodegas Arzuaga Viño de Mesa White Fan D. Oro 2007 \$15 This distinctive white offers toasty ginger and hazelnut notes that are plush and full-bodied. Baked apple, honey and tangerine flavors are supported by firm acidity. A bit unfocused, but intense. Chardonnay. Drink now. 1,000 cases made.—T.M.

87 Señorío de Barahonda Yecla Bellum El Principio 2006 \$25 Offers an interesting mix of more traditional cherry and tobacco notes with modern-style blueberry and blackberry fruit. But shows good integration overall, with vanilla and spice on the finish. Monastrell. Drink now through 2011. 1,200 cases made.—A.N.

87 Adega O Casal Godello Valdeorras Casal Novo 2007 \$28 Refreshing, like spring water over stones, this clean white shows pear, almond and mineral flavors in a round yet firm texture. Juicy, with a lingering leafy finish. Drink now. 1,250 cases made.—T.M.

87 R. López de Heredia Viña Tondonia Rioja White Viña Tondonia Gran Reserva 1987 \$100 This mature white shows apple cider, tea and woody flavors that have depth, but turn a bit flabby on the finish. There's character to this—and still some juicy acidity—but it's fading now. Drink now. 1,166 cases made.—T.M.

85 Adegas Valmiñor Albariño Rias Baixas 2008 \$20 Light and lively, this crisp white offers tangerine, mineral and pine notes that are bright and focused. Makes a nice aperitif. Drink now. 8,000 cases made.—T.M.

84 Bodegas As Laxas Albariño Rias Baixas 2008 \$18 —T.M.

83 Bodegas La Purísima Monastrell Yecla Old Hands Organically Grown 2007 \$13 —A.N.

83 Bodegas Valdemar Rioja Rosado Conde de Valdemar 2008 \$10 —T.M.

82 Hijos de Antonio Barceló Tempranillo-Shiraz Viño de la Tierra de Castilla y León Rosado Peñascal 2008 \$9 —T.M.

82 Bodegas Viticultores de Barros Macabeo Ribera del Guadiana Emperador 2008 \$10 —T.M.

