

PRESS

Descendientes de José Palacios

Bierzo, Spain



“Palacios’s wines have been a stunning success, artistically and commercially. They’ve also transformed the appellation ... No less than those made by religious orders through the Dark Ages, these wines have a higher meaning....”

Travel & Leisure (2007)

“These are, it is plain to see, some of the most compelling wines in Spain....”

Wines from Spain News (2004)

PÉTALOS DEL BIERZO

2008 IWC: “**91** rating. Racy and focused ... very good clarity and spicy persistence. There’s no excess fat on these bones.”

2007 WA: “**92** rating. Fruity yet complex on the palate, it has superb depth, grip, and balance....”

2006 IWC: “**91** rating ... this smells like a great Chambolle-Musigny....”

2005 IWC: “**90** rating. The fruit is ripe, sweet, and supple in the mouth offering excellent intensity as well as elegance....”

2004 WA: “**90-93** rating ... revealed a lovely perfume of blueberries, flowers, and crushed stones....”

2003 WA: “**92** rating. The textured, rich, beautifully made 2003 boasts a long, persistent finish....”

CORULLÓN

2006 WA: “**93** rating ... super-fragrant bouquet ... Elegant and multi-dimensional ... impeccable balance....”

2005 IWC: “**93** rating. Turns brighter on the long, mineral-dominated finish, staining the palate with vibrant red berry flavors....”

2004 WA: “**91** rating. The flavors are precise and concentrated....”

2003 WA: “**93** rating. Its dense purple color is accompanied by lovely aromas of precise blueberries, cassis, crushed rocks, and acacia flowers.”

2000 WS: “**93** rating. It marries savage flavors with sleek structure....”

1999 WS: “**93** rating. This is as unique and intriguing a wine as I’ve tried in some time.”

Key:

IWC = Steve Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar

WA = Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate

WS = Wine Spectator

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SINGLE-VINEYARD WINES

2007 Moncerbal

IWC: “**95** rating ... Drop-dead gorgeous ... smells like a great wine from Chambolle-Musigny ... complex and delicious...”

2007 Las Lamas

IWC: “**94** rating ... Powerful red and dark berry flavors are braced by zesty minerality ... strikingly energetic finish, which leaves sexy floral and Indian spice notes behind...”

2006 Moncerbal

WA: “**96** rating ... other-worldly perfume of kinky blueberries, incense, leather, and truffle leaps from the glass. Sexy and sweet on the palate ... great depth and grip ... superb balance...”

IWC: “**95** rating. This wine’s minerality and finishing precision are lovely, and it won’t let go of the palate...”

2006 Las Lamas

WA: “**94** rating ... the most age-worthy of the quintet ... Dense and packed ... Long and pure in the finish...”

IWC: “**94** rating. Impresses with finesse rather than power, and has the balance to reward patience...”

2006 La Faraona

WA: “**94** rating ... brooding bouquet ... extraordinary wines...”

IWC: “**95+** rating. Talk about graceful; and I’ll be that this has more in the tank. Wow!...”

2006 San Martin

WA: “**92+** rating ... sports aromas of violets, Asian spices, espresso, leather, blackberry, and black cherry...”

2005 Moncerbal

IWC: “**95** rating. Brisk, focused and remarkably pure on the palate-staining finish...”

2005 Las Lamas

IWC: “**95** rating ... remarkably elegant, with uncanny precision for a wine with such flavor impact...”

2005 San Martin

IWC: “**93** rating ... reminiscent of a top northern Rhone...”

2003 Las Lamas

WA: “**94** rating ... this benchmark example of Bierzo should evolve magnificently...”

2001 La Faraona

IWC: “**93-95** rating. Very rich and very dense but utterly seamless...”