

PRESS

Bodegas Olivares

Jumilla, Spain



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International Wine Cellar’s Josh Reynolds on 2008 Altos de la Hoya Jumilla Monastrell “Ungrafted Old Vines”

ALTOS DE LA HOYA JUMILLA MONASTRELL “UNGRAFTED OLD VINES”

2008 IWC: “**91** rating ... Deep, smoky, seductively perfumed bouquet of dark berries, macerated cherries, licorice and Indian spices. Powerful blackberry and cassis flavors ... long, spicy, subtly sweet finish. Once again, this is probably the top value I found in my annual tastings of new releases from Spain.”

2007 IWC: “**91** rating ... Strongly floral nose displays a seductive bouquet of dark berries, lavender, rose and smoky Indian spices. Vibrant blackberry and candied cherry flavors are lifted by zesty minerals, becoming deeper and sweeter with air. The impressively brisk and focused finish features pure berries. Here's another crazy value.”

2006 IWC: “**91** rating ... Explosively perfumed scents of red berries, flowers and minerals, plus an exotic Asian spice quality. This shows a silky texture reminiscent of a high-end New World pinot noir, with deeply concentrated raspberry and cherry flavors brightened by zesty minerals and white pepper. Sappy, sweet and strikingly pure on the long, spicy finish. This is one of the wine world's most amazing values.”

2005 IWC: “**91** rating ... powerful scents of blackberry, cassis and candied plum ... Fat and lush, with deep, sweet blackcurrant and blackberry flavors and no rough edges. Finishes dense, fresh and long, with a repeating blackberry note. This has the concentration and sappy texture of a much more expensive wine.”

Key:

IWC = Steve Tanzer’s International Wine Cellar
WA = Robert Parker’s The Wine Advocate

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DULCE MONASTRELL

2006 IWC: “**93** rating ... Pungent mulberry and blueberry aromas are complicated by baking spices and potpourri. Supple and sweet, offering velvety dark berry liqueur flavors and good back-end spiciness. A creamy, emphatically sweet wine that is enlivened by zesty acidity. Far more energetic than most late-harvest wines.

2004 WA: “**92** rating ... Thick and sweet, it is reminiscent of blackberry jam. The wine has lots of flavor and a lengthy finish. It is a very good value in sweet wine.”

2003 WA: “**92** rating ... intriguing notes of mocha, coffee, blackberry liqueur and raisins, vibrant acidity, superb concentration, and a long, pure finish. It would be an excellent match for chocolate desserts.”

2001 WA: “**93** rating ... an intriguing after dinner drink ... ripe notes of scorched earth, chocolate, and espresso, medium to full body, wonderful intensity, and vibrant acidity as well as freshness.”

2000 WA: “**93** rating ... an Amarone-styled, heady, rich cuvee offering loads of black fruits, licorice, tar, and earthy undertones.”