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Sehr geehrte Partner und Freunde der Weine von **Descendientes de J. Palacios!**

Wir freuen uns, Ihnen schon jetzt die hohe Bewertung des **Pétalos del Bierzo 2009** von Descendientes de J. Palacios mitteilen zu können.

Der **Pétalos** (deutsch: Blütenblätter) führt mit **93 Punkten** die Liste der Kategorie "**Smart Buys**" - Weine mit einem herausragenden Preis-Genuss-Verhältnis - im **Wine Spectator** an. Dort heißt es auf den Punkt gebracht:

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Anbei erhalten Sie die Vorschau des **Wine Spectators** und eine Expertise des **Pétalos del Bierzo 2009**.



WINE SPECTATOR'S Advance

A SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE BUYING GUIDE FOR THE **NOV. 15, 2011** ISSUE,
FEATURING ALL OF THE SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

Wine Spectator's annual California Cabernet issue focuses on the excellent 2008 vintage. Plus, a fascinating profile of Tim Mondavi and his new Cabernet venture, Continuum. Don't miss the tasting report on the delicious wines of Alsace.

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

96 **MARZIANO ABBONA** Barolo Terlo Ravera 2006 • \$50
Raspberry, cherry, iron and floral notes mark this silky red, which is fresh and complex at once, with a refined structure, great harmony and elegance. Almost approachable now, but the long finish and tight tannins suggest this has plenty of life ahead. Best from 2014 through 2030. 100 cases imported.—*B.S.*

95 **MAURO VEGLIO** Barolo Vigneto Gattera 2007 • \$55
Exhibits an enticing perfume of rose and cherry, with a wet forest accent. Juicy and harmonious, with everything in the right proportion and an aftertaste of sweet fruit and mineral. A 2007 expression of Nebbiolo. Best from 2014 through 2035. 500 cases made.—*B.S.*

93 **CHIARELLO FAMILY** Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Bambino 2008 • \$42
Complex aromas of toasty oak, ripe plum and blackberry are pure and rich, supple and layered. This full-bodied red unfolds in a slow, graceful manner. Drink now through 2020. 668 cases made.—*J.L.*

93 **CORDERO DI MONTEZEMOLO** Barolo Monfalletto 2007 • \$42
Round and forward, showing cherry and strawberry flavors, this is pure and focused, with a bright structure underlining the fruit. Offers lovely balance and a lingering finish. Best from 2013 through 2027. 3,750 cases made.—*B.S.*

COLLECTIBLES

97 **ARAUJO** Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley Eisele Vineyard 2008 • \$290
Dense, rich and enormously concentrated, mixing power with finesse. Pure, ripe, riveting aromas of blackberry, blueberry, currant, sage, cedar, espresso and mocha lead to a full-bodied palate, firming beautifully on the finish, where the flavors glide along and gain traction. Drink now through 2028. 1,392 cases made.—*J.L.*

97 **BRYANT FAMILY** Cabernet Sauvignon Napa Valley 2008 • \$325
Deep, rich and expressive, with a broad range of complex flavors, extending from fleshy currant to dark berry, mineral, cedar, mocha and espresso. Full-bodied, ending with a pleasant lift to all the flavors, giving this a supple, gracious aftertaste. Drink now through 2026. 748 cases made.—*J.L.*

97 **E. GUIGAL** Côte-Rôtie La Landonne 2007 • \$500
This is very backward, with smoldering tobacco and charcoal up front, holding the dense core of black currant, anise and hoisin sauce at bay for now. Sage, sweet tapenade and bittersweet cocoa all roll as the grip takes over on the back end. Terrifically gutsy, with a charcoal- and singed iron-filled finish. Best from 2013 through 2026. 1,000 cases made.—*J.M.*

96 **E. GUIGAL** Côte-Rôtie La Mouline 2007 • \$500
This has gorgeous aromas of warm tea cake, black tea and singed mesquite, followed by dense but silky structure that carries alluring plum, blackberry and licorice flavors through the very lengthy finish, where a sanguine edge echoes for added length. This has power, but it's more about guile and perfume. Best from 2012 through 2025. 417 cases made.—*J.M.*

COLLECTIBLES (CONTINUED)

96 **E. GUIGAL** Côte-Rôtie La Turquie 2007 • \$500
Very distinctive, with ganache and espresso aromas and well-structured layers of blackberry, mulled plum, roasted spice, anise and charred apple wood. This has ample grip, but stays polished and integrated, allowing for an almost caressing mouthfeel despite its obvious density. One of the most concentrated wines in the vintage. Best from 2012 through 2025. 400 cases made.—*J.M.*

96 **HARLAN ESTATE** Napa Valley 2008 • \$500
Deliciously ripe, complex and aromatic, yet tight and closed, with dried currant, loamy earth, mocha, cedar, blueberry and plum flavors. The impressive finish shows detailed flavors and nuances. Full-blown, yet not as ripe as some Harlans. Best from 2013 through 2028. 1,260 cases made.—*J.L.*

SMART BUYS

93 **DESCENDIENTES DE J. PALACIOS** Bierzo Pétalos 2009 • \$24
This polished red shows density and harmony, with complex, well-integrated flavors of mineral, wild berry, fresh herbs and smoke. Not showy, but has character. Drink now through 2018. 25,000 cases made.—*T.M.*

90 **BODEGA COLOMÉ** Malbec Calchaquí Valley 2009 • \$25
Offers good density to the blueberry, raspberry and blackberry coulis notes that are backed by vibrant acidity. Floral and mineral notes play out on the long, tangy finish. Drink now through 2014. 8,000 cases imported.—*J.M.*

90 **DOMAINE DES ESCARAVAILLES** Côtes du Rhône Les Sablières 2009 • \$15
Lively and focused, with a beam of red licorice running through the core of red and black cherry fruit. Polished structure and a lingering apple wood note provide length. Drink now through 2012. 1,800 cases imported.—*J.M.*

90 **MICHEL GIRARD & FILS** Sancerre 2010 • \$23
At once plump and tangy, with lemon pound cake and straw flavors at the core, laced with gooseberry and thyme notes that ripple through the finish. Drink now through 2012. 1,600 cases imported.—*J.M.*

90 **ST.-URBANS-HOF** Riesling Kabinett Mosel Ockfen Bockstein 2010 • \$20
Aromas of tropical fruit lead to flavors of peach, ripe apple, cream and spice that are backed up by fresh acidity. Lush midpalate, with some minerally notes on the finish. Drink now through 2038. 2,000 cases made.—*K.M.*

89 **VIÑA CASA TAMAYA DEL LIMARÍ** Malbec-Cabernet Sauvignon-Syrah Limarí Valley Reserva 2009 • \$17
This has a nice gutsy feel, with juicy blackberry and dark licorice notes spiked with briar and blueberry. A tangy edge holds the finish. Drink now. 1,000 cases imported.—*J.M.*

89 **CUNE** Rioja White Monopole 2010 • \$13
This firm, focused white displays a solid structure, with supporting flavors of pear, ginger, smoke and herb. This is not a showy wine, but has depth and vibrancy. A good match with richer dishes. Drink now through 2015. 55,000 cases made.—*T.M.*

BEST VALUES

89 **VIÑA FALERNIA** Sauvignon Blanc Elquí Valley Reserva 2010 • \$11
Juicy and nicely defined, this delicious Chilean white shows a range of kiwifruit, lemon verbena and white peach flavors all backed by a fresh, zippy, herb-tinged finish. Drink now. 13,000 cases made.—*J.M.*

88 **BODEGAS NIETO SENETINER** Bonarda Mendoza Reserva 2010 • \$11
This dark, smoky red delivers dense notes of plum skin, black currant and grilled herb, leading to layered flavors of mesquite and bittersweet chocolate on the finish. Drink now. 4,800 cases imported.—*N.W.*

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87 TRIVENTO Malbec Mendoza Reserve 2010 • \$11
Ripe yet fresh, offering vibrant boysenberry and blueberry notes backed by light tannins, with a pleasant hint of herbs on the juicy finish. Drink now. 70,000 cases made.—*N.W.*

86 JOSÉ MARIA DA FONSECA Vinho Verde Twin Vines 2010 • \$7
There's lots of citrus snap to this fresh-tasting white, with ripe melon and spice notes lingering on the finish. Drink now. 45,000 cases made.—*K.M.*

86 LENZ MOSER Grüner Veltliner Qualitätswein Trocken Niederösterreich Heuriger 2009 • \$10/1L
A well-defined array of tropical fruit notes flanks the ripe apple and baked pear flavors. Rich and spicy on the finish. Drink now. 95,417 cases made.—*K.M.*

85 TERRAS DE ALTER Alentejo Fado White 2010 • \$9
Firm and juicy, with plenty of lemon zest to the apple, white cherry and gooseberry flavors, followed by a fresh, spicy finish. Drink now. 18,000 cases made.—*K.M.*

ABOUT THE SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

Highly Recommended: The issue's most impressive wines. Includes top-scorers and wines that represent optimal purchases based on their combination of score, price and availability. **Collectibles:** Wines that will improve most from additional bottle age and that show the greatest potential to gain in value. **Smart Buys:** Wines that deliver fine character at affordable prices and that are broadly available. **Best Values:** Wines with solid scores, modest prices and wide distribution.

Initials at the end of each tasting note indicate the *Wine Spectator* editor who blind-tasted and scored the wine and wrote the review. The tasters are as follows: James Laube (*J.L.*); Kim Marcus (*K.M.*); Thomas Matthews (*T.M.*); James Molesworth (*J.M.*); Bruce Sanderson (*B.S.*); Harvey Steiman (*H.S.*); Tim Fish (*T.F.*); Alison Napjus (*A.N.*); *Nathan Wesley* (*N.W.*); MaryAnn Worobiec (*M.W.*).



PÉTALOS DEL BIERZO

Owner: Ricardo Pérez Palacios / Alvaro Palacios
 Oenology: Ricardo Pérez Palacios / Alvaro Palacios
 Viticulture: Ricardo Pérez Palacios / Alvaro Palacios
 Cellar founded: 1999

Name of the wine: **PÉTALOS DEL BIERZO**
 Vintage: **2008**
 Vintage classification: Very good.
 Launching: January 2010.

Grape source: 50 % of grapes are selected from several vineyards, all on hills of slate located in Corullón. 50 % of grapes are selected from several vineyards, all on the crest of hills, located in the rural villages of Valtuille, Villadecanes, different rural villages. Parandones and Villafranca del Bierzo.

Region: DO Bierzo.

Soil: Corullón: Early cambrian period. Layers of laminated slate, mostly horizontal, but occasionally oblique, together with quartzite and sandstone with blends of clay.

Other villages: Tertiary period: "Ferrous-Clay" with quartzites and a lot of worn pebbles.

Topography: Steep slopes and crest of hills.

Orientation: Widely varied exposures depending on vineyard sites.

Height above sea level: From 450 m to 800 m / from 1,476 to 2,625 feet.

Climate: Continental with a very important Atlantic influence.

Annual rainfall average: 19.82 inches / 503 mm

Average temperature: Min. -2.32 C Máx. 26.30 C Annual Average: 11.45 C

Number of hours of sun light: 2,207 hours.

Grapes varieties (%): 100% Mencia.

Age of vines: From 40 to 90 years old.

Vine density: 2,428-2,832 vines per Acre / 6,000-7,000 vines per Ha. Depending on site topography.

Pruning style: Head-bush pruning.

Viticulture: Biodinamic, organic and conventional self control.



Cultivation methods: Mechanically and animal draft "mules" tilled.
Irrigation: No.
Green harvest: No.
Yields per Acre and Hectare: 14.16 HI per Acre / 35 HI per Hectare.
Harvest: Strict selection depending on the vineyard site.
Harvest date: From Sept. 26th to Oct. 29th.
Destemming: Yes.
Alcoholic fermentation: Small wooden vats "Pillages".
Malolactic fermentation: 2 months in wooden and inox vats.
Maceration time: 36 days.
Ageing: 10 months of ageing in French oak barrels.
Fining: Egg white.
Cold stabilization: No

Production

750 ML: 320,000 bottles.
1.5 L: 3,000 magnums.

Wine conservation

To ensure optimum development, this wine should be cellared at a maximum temperature of 15 °C.