

DONOSTIA

Cocina Vasca  Basque Kitchen

The idea of a Basque Restaurant in London was hatched while on a sourcing trip for our wine import business, which in 2023 will be celebrating its twentieth anniversary. The majority of the wines on this list are sourced, imported and delivered by us, ensuring quality, originality and genuine value. Wine very much remains at the heart of Donostia Restaurant, and we hope you enjoy the lesser-known grape varieties and regions from our discoveries as much as the well-known wine growing regions.

Amongst the Spanish wines we make a real effort to emphasise wines from the Basque lands, including Txakoli, Irrouléguay & sparkling from Zarautz.

Topa!

Aperitifs

Gin & Tonics 12

Hendrick's, cucumber
Gin Mare, rosemary
Rives Original London Dry, lemon peel

Vermouths 8

Dolin Rouge Vermouth de Chambéry, orange peel
Del Professore, Vermouth di Torino Classico, rosemary

Cocktails 12

Qunita de la Rosa & tonic
Sherry Negroni
Espelette Margarita
Frangelico and Lime

Agerre Txakoli 2021, Getaria 7

Intrinsically linked to the history of the Basque Country, Txakoli is a light, crisp white wine with a pure citrus spritz. We have been directly importing this fine example for over 10 years. It's made by Emilio and Elizabeth Agerre from 15 hectares of vines in Getaria, a small fishing village a stone's throw from the Cantabrian Sea. This jagged coastline is a chilly region with the strong Atlantic influence bringing mist and often heavy rain, resulting in a wine with high acidity and moderate alcohol, perfect as an aperitif with pintxos!

By the glass

Champagne & sparkling	Glass
Artadi Izar-Leku 2017, Zarautz	14
Testulat Blanc de Blanc Brut NV, Champagne	17

White	Glass
Agerre Txakoli 2021, Getaria	7
Godeval Godello 2021, Valdeorras	9
Herència Altés Benufet Garnacha Blanca 2021, Terra Alta	10
La Casa de Las Locas Albariño 2021, Rias Baixas	12
Finca Allende Blanco 2018, Rioja	13

Rosé	Glass
Cillar de Silos Rosado 2022, Ribera del Duero	8

Red	Glass
Gaba Mencia 2020, Valdeorras (available chilled)	9
Suertes del Marqués 7 Fuentes 2020, Tenerife	10
Picaro del Aguila Tinto 2020, Ribera del Duero	13
Señorio de Cuzcurrita Reserva 2018, Rioja Alta	14
Viña Tondonia Tinto Reserva 2009, Rioja	21
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Sherry	
Bodegas Cesar Florido Fino, Chipiona	7
S Ayala Manzanilla Gabriela, Sanlucar de Barrameda	7
Lustau Amontillado del Castillo Almacenista, Jerez	13

Champagne & Sparkling

Sparkling	Bottle
Landaluce Brut Nature NV, D.O. Cava The Xarel-lo, Macabeo and Paralleda grapes are grown organically and then vinified separately before being blended by Asier and his team in Rioja Alavasa. No dosage was added before being bottle aged for around 15 months resulting in a dry sparkling with lots of richness.	38
Artadi Izar –Leku 2017, Zarautz A joint project between the legendary Rioja producer Artadi and Zapinain, a Basque cider producer. The base wine was aged for one year on lees, with a third of it aging in barrel, it then spent 18 months undergoing traditional sparkling fermentation in bottle. The resulting wine is aromatic, complex and has an attractive saline minerality of the region.	68
Recarado Terrers Brut Nature 2018, Corpinnat Extended lees aging and over 48 months of bottle maturation has produced this full-bodied and creamy wine with notes of white flowers, freshly baked bread and citrus.	69
Gusbourne Brut Reserve 2019, Kent From one of the UK's leading sparkling wine producers based in Kent this blend highlights red fruit aromas of cherry and strawberry which develop into attractive fresh pastry notes with a touch of cinnamon and spice. With a bright streak of citrus fruit, the palate is clean and fresh whilst giving tons of soft stone fruit and a long, refreshing finish.	84
Champagne	Bottle
Testulat Blanc de Blanc Brut NV, Vallée de la Marne Made from 100% Chardonnay grapes grown near Épernay. Light and subtle with notes of apple, ripe pear and quince. The palate is seasoned with subtle spices and hints of honeysuckle and grapefruit.	82
Huré Frères Instantanée 2015, Montagne de Reims A small family producer who farm all their vineyards using biodynamic and organic practices. Rich and decadent with moreish notes of toasted hazelnuts, patisserie, vibrant lemony acidity and crunchy pear.	117

White

	Bottle
Agerre Txakoli 2021, Getaria A young wine with a long tradition. This delightful wine has a slight fizz for an ultra-refreshing finish. This natural spritz is heightened by the overhead pour.	34
Elle de Landaluce 2018, Rioja Alavesa A classic blend of Viura and Malvasia from over 60-year-old vines. Aged on the lees in French oak for 2 months after fermentation which gives the wine a round, complex, creamy texture alongside tropical and citrus fruits and fresh acidity.	38
Coto de Gomariz The Flower and the Bee 2022, Ribeiro 100% Treixadura hand harvested and fermented in stainless steel makes a lovely full flavoured wine with vibrant citrus and orchard fruit aromas. Soft, rounded and generous fruit on the palate with a slightly oily, creamy texture and a fresh, crisp finish of ripe citrus fruits and minerals.	43
Bodegas Godeval Godello 2021, Valdeorras Vines planted on the granite slopes of the mountains of El Barco de Valdeorras produce this wine full of stone fruit and pear notes with great balance between the mineral acidity and the weight of fruit. This was the first 100% Godello sold commercially.	43
Herència Altés Benufet 2021, Terra Alta 100% Garnacha Blanca from Catalonia. Fermentation in concrete barrels helps retain the natural acidity and batonnage on fine lees for 2 months brings texture, depth and a slight smoky note.	49
Celler Pardas Blau Cru 2019, Penedès. Crafted from Malvasia de Sitges, an old and rare grape variety indigenous to the region. The wine has electric, nervy acidity, beautiful citrus, stone fruit and sea salt on the palate, and a delicately floral nose. Medium to full body with lots of mineral structure from the clay-limestone soils characteristic of the area.	56
Can Sumoi Xarel-lo 2021, Penedes This Xarel-lo has beautiful aromatics of florals, green apple, and orange peel. On the palate notes of lemon and honey blossom compliment the delicate minerality. Very dry and energetic with brisk acidity.	60
La Casa de Las Locas Albariño 2021, Rias Baixas Albariño grown organically on the banks of the Umia River. Round, mineral and herbal with ripe peach, white flower and baked apple notes. Clean and crisp with wonderfully balanced acidity.	62

- Bodegas Jose Pariente Verdejo Fermentado en Barrica 2020, Rueda** 62
 Bodegas Jose Pariente has been run by three generations of the family and is located between the towns of Rueda and La Seca, in the province of Valladolid. This barrel fermented Verdejo undergoes extensive bâtonnage which adds clout and complexity, character, and weight, alongside good freshness.
- Finca Allende Blanco 2018, Rioja** 69
 A blend of meticulously selected old vine Viura and Malvasia, respectively lending texture and aromatics. Aged in tightly grained French oak this wine is juicy and smooth with creamy baked apple notes and a long, fresh finish.
- R Lopez de Heredia Viña Gravonia Blanco Crianza 2014, Rioja** 82
 'Layered and complex with notes of herbs and quince, this wine is full of personality. The nuttiness on the palate is balanced by fresh acidity and complimented by jasmine. It's made in an oxidative style, but don't be put off – it's a profound white.'
 – Jane Anson
- Envinate Taganan Blanco 2021, Tenerife** 86
 Táganan is the old local name for this rugged vineyard area, located on the northeastern side of the island. This wine is a blend of the many different native white varieties, which are vinified separately, with some parcels undergoing skin contact. A truly unique and characterful wine, deliciously salty and smoky with refreshing acidity.
- Clos Mogador Nelin 2019, Priorat.** 98
 "A Garnacha Blanca-based blend that's fermented with indigenous yeasts. It's spicy and herbal with notes of chamomile and some aromatic herbs. The palate is very balanced with a stony and austere sensation, finishing dry. It's lively, vibrant and alive, with expressive flavours and finishing almost salty with a bitter twist" – Robert Parker
- Remelluri Blanco 2019, Rioja.** 134
 "It's powerful, characterful, and elegant, with ripeness and concentration coupled with very good freshness. It has Mediterranean notes of hay and straw, but it's powerful and serious, more like an austere Hermitage with a super-chalky palate and a very tasty, almost salty finish. It has great finesse, with power and the freshness from the high-altitude vineyards and the cool year". – Robert Parker

Rosé

- Cillar de Silos Rosado 2022, Ribera del Duero** 38
 The youngest vines of their Tempranillo vines are harvested early to preserve their natural acidity and to make a light, dry and fresh wine in the classic Provencal style. Elegant, with red berry fruit and a creamy texture with a hint of dried fennel.
- Finca Allende Rosado 2017, Rioja Alta** 68
 A blend of Tempranillo and Garnacha, the nose displays fresh red fruit aromas of strawberry, cherry, red current and raspberry. Subtle and soft with bright acidity and a balanced finish.

Red

Bottle

Fincas de Landaluce Crianza 2019, La Rioja

40

Located in La Rioja this small family bodega grows their Tempranillo in their own vineyards which lie 500m above sea level. This imparts a lovely freshness in the wine, which provides the perfect foil for the abundant dark fruit and smoky oak.

Gaba Mencia 2020, Valdeorras.

46

Often compared to Pinot Noir, the indigenous Galician grape Mencia performs so well in this area of Northwest Spain. Fresh and aromatic with cherry notes, a touch of savoury and earthy and a gorgeous lightness of touch.

Suertes de Marqués 7 Fuentes 2019, Tenerife

49

Produced from a blend of primarily Listán Negro and a touch of Tintilla all grown organically on the poor volcanic soils of Tenerife, this wine offers subtly savoury dark cherry fruits and shows very good intensity despite being on the lighter side.

Domaine Arretxea Rouge 2020, Irouleguy

53

This French Basque red is a blend of biodynamically grown Tannat, Cabernet Sauvignon and Cabernet Franc. Aromas of cassis, raspberry and liquorice are joined on the palate with notes of black fruits with a herbal edge and pronounced minerality.

Joan d'Anguera Planella 2021, Montsant

53

Carinyena, Syrah and Garnacha grapes from over one hundred-year-old vines are grown following bio-dynamic practices and produce this wine bursting with fresh red berries, Asian spices, anise, and a black pepper finish.

Siete Pasos Cuenta Ovejas 2018, Toro

60

A classic Toro crafted from Tinto de Toro grapes, an indigenous variety which can trace its roots back to the Roman invasion of the Duero basin. Powerful yet elegant with blackberry, dark plum, clove, black pepper, and vanilla notes all in perfect harmony.

Fuentes del Silencio Las Jaras 2019, Castilla Y Leon

62

Located in the eastern foothills of the Galician mountains, this blend made from 80 to 150-year-old Prieto Picudo, Mencia and Alicante Bouschet vines makes for a wine of unusual depth, concentration and surprising freshness. Deep coloured with rich flavours of dark fruits allied to a mineral freshness and fine silky tannins.

Dominio del Aguila Picaro del Aguila Tinto 2020, Ribera del Duero

65

An organically grown co-fermented blend of primarily Tempranillo with some Albillo, Garnacha and Bobal. The wine has a vibrant nose of black and red fruits intertwined with woodsmoke and violets. On the palette the wine shows fleshy black fruit and a balance between power with surprising freshness. A pleasing silky textural quality persists in a long finish with polished tannic structure.

- Ànima Negra AN/2 2020, Mallorca** 66
 A blend of Callet, Mantonegre-Fogoneu and Syrah with complex aromas of savoury spices, wild raspberries, dark cherry fruit and a hint of violets and smokiness. On the palate it's silky and elegant with intense flavours of mature fruit. Well balanced with a long finish.
- Señorio de Cuzcurrita Reserva 2018, Rioja Alta** 68
 Made from seven hectares of old bush vine Tempranillo grown within the walls of a 14th century castle: the Castillo de Cuzcurrita del Rio Tiron. Aged for 12 months in French oak and with fantastic acidity due to the cooler climes, the wine has excellent balance. Plenty of dark herbs, blackberry fruitiness and well-integrated tannins.
- António Maçanita Tinta Negra dos Villos 2021, Madeira** 73
 Hand selected indigenous varietal berries are fermented separately by plot before being blended and aged for 8 months in 600 litre French oak barrels. Persimmon, quince, ripe apples, and tea leaf on the nose. Extremely light on it's feet with a delicate mouth feel. It has a sense of life and a very long finish.
- Bodega Valdaya 2019, Ribera del Duero** 98
 "The straight Valdaya release is made with fruit from three different soil types in remote, high-altitude Baños de Valdearados. Intensely floral and refined as Marta Ramas and Miguel Fisac's wines always are, this is polished Ribera with chalky intensity, fine-boned tannins and layers of plum and blueberry fruit." – Tim Atkin
- Clos I Terrasses Laurel 2020, Priorat** 108
 This is the second wine to the much-heralded Clos Erasmus, coming from the younger vines in the small biodynamic vineyards. Complex herbs, oaky spice and chocolate richness dominate the palate alongside charming, opulent fruit.
- R. López de Heredia Viña Tondonia Reserva 2009, Rioja** 110
 Wonderful, traditional, elegant Rioja, a result of Tondonia's extended ageing process (bottled after six years in oak barrels). Aromas of spice, leather, cherries and cigar box precede the round and crisp palate with a luxurious mouth feel and intense core of flavour.
- Artadi Valdegines 2018, Rioja** 112
 "This is elegant and nuanced, subtle and insulating, cool and harmonious. I like very much the character of this vineyard that in 2018 seems accentuated by the style of the year. It has very fine tannins and great harmony in the palate with a fine velvety texture. This is my favourite vineyard in this price range. Elegant and fresh." – Robert Parker.
- Vega Sicilia Valbuena 2017, Ribera del Duero** 220
 "Gorgeous aromas of blackberries, black chocolate and shitake mushrooms follow through to a full body with round, plush tannins that are corduroy in texture. The flavours are intense, but not overdone." – James Suckling

Beer

Estrella Galicia 4.7%, A Coruña

5

A pale lager with a hoppy character that has a soft aroma of lemongrass and a clean, refreshing taste.

Alhambra Reserva 1925 6.4%, Granada

5

An award-winning premium lager from Granada's Cervezas Alhambra. This is full bodied, extremely smooth on the palate and balanced with wonderful caram aroma.

Non-alcoholic

Brooklyn Special Effects

5

A hoppy lager with an unexpected piney aroma and pleasantly bitter finish. The beer gets it's bready sweetness from a blend of pale caramel and dark roasted Munich malts, and it's suprising nose from dry-hopping with Moisiac, Citra and Amarillo hops – a technique rarely used in alcohol free brewing.

Everleaf Mountain spritz

9

A vibrant blend of 12 sustainably sourced botanicals carefully chosen to capture Mountain flavours of cherry blossom, rosehip and strawberry. Served with Fever Tree Mediterranean tonic.

Sherry, Port, dessert wine & liqueur

Sweet wines (75ml)

Clos Lapeyre 'La Magendia' 2018, Jurancon	7
MR White 2021, Malaga	9

Fortifieds (75ml)

Bodegas Cesar Florido Fino, Chipiona	7
Sancha Ayala 'Gabriella' Manzanilla, Sanlucar	7
Amontillado del Castillo Almacenista, Jerez	13
Moscatel Dorado NV, Jerez	7
Hidalgo Pedro Ximinez, Jerez (50ml)	7
Smith Woodhouse 10-year Tawny, Douro (50ml)	7
Warre's 2000 Vintage Port, Douro (50ml)	10

Liqueurs (50ml)

Monte Patxaran, Navarra	7
Pazo de Senorans Orujo, Rias Baixas	9

Brandy (50ml)

Carlos I Solera Gran Reserva, Jerez	12
Baron de Sigognac VS, Bas Armagnac	8

Whisky (50ml)

Balvenie 12yr Doublewood, Speyside	13
Laphroig Quarter Cask, Isle of Islay	13