



# **The Porta Maris Jávea Wine List 2021**

The best wines from Alicante

# Historical and literary quotes about Alicante wine (I)



“The oldest wine production [In the Iberian Peninsula] was documented in the Alt de Benimaquía (Denia, Alicante, 16 km from Porta Maris) [...] The abundant finds have allowed the site to be dated. It was built in the second half of the VII<sup>th</sup> century BC, according to the materials and a radiocarbon dating made on a grape seed “  
**The origins of wine in the Iberian Peninsula. Carlos Gómez Bellard. 2014**

“In the eastern part of this land they make a lot of white wine, but even more of the type known as Alicante red, which is very popular in England, Scotland, Flanders and other places in Europe [...] on the day we spent in the city we saw 26 vessels in the port from Biscay, Flanders and other countries loading their cargoes of wine”  
**Ieronimus Múnzer . Itinerarium sive prereginatio per Hispaniam. 1.492**



“Wine from Alicante was the first to go all the way around the world, as it accompanied Elcano [the Magellan Expedition 1519-1522] on his voyage around the globe.”  
**Admiral Julio Guillen Tato. Navy Historian 1.897-1.972**

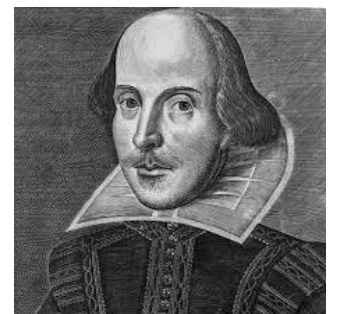
In 1560 the British Parliament decreed that from the first day of September 1561 it could not sell any wine from Alicante without permission of Queen Elizabeth I, and that the sale was to be offered to her first.



“Amongst all the strong wines produced in this rich land, the best of all is the one named Fondillón, a sweet, vintage wine produced in the land of Alicante. Its fame is so great that when the Princes [The Japanese ambassadors of the Tensho expedition in 1582] drank it they remarked that was this not the most famous Alicante wine, renowned in so many countries?”  
**Attributed to Francisco Martínez Montañó - Master Cook of Felipe II King of Spain (Late XVI Century)**

The purest wine, so brisk and fine,  
the Alligant and Sherry,  
I hold it good to purge the blood,  
And make the senses merry

**William Shakespeare. The Merry Wives of Windsor (1.602)**  
*NOTE: Alligant is a game of words between “Alicante” and “Elegant”*



“My urine has the dark red color of Alicante Wine”  
**Attributed to King James I of England, (1625) describing the symptoms of porphyria to his doctor**

# Historical and literary quotes about Alicante wine (II)

“My vines are able to produce as many wine barrels  
as wine barrels have the port of Alicante”

**Daniel Defoe. Robinson Crusoe. 1719**

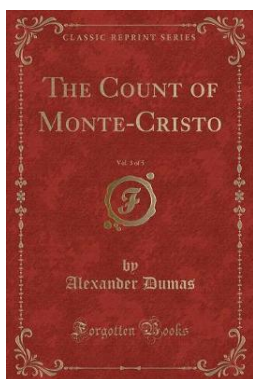


“The truth is that Isabel made her royal husband  
follow a regime of spices and ragú, food and wine  
from Alicante, which kept him in a state of  
continuous excitement. She had him under her  
domination for caresses or rejections”

**Agustín Cabanès. Les Bourbons d'Espagne (1.926),  
describing the relations between King Felipe V of  
Spain (1.683-1.746) and Isabel de Farnesio, his second  
wife, with whom he had 7 children.**

“So the King was given ten drops of this elixir in Alicante wine  
at eleven o'clock in the morning. Some time later he found  
himself stronger [...] The King even ate two small cookies in a  
little Alicante wine with a sort of appetite”

**Duke of Saint-Simon, Doctor to King Louis XIV of France,  
describing his late illness. Mémoires sur le siècle de Louis XIV et  
la Regence. Les Derniers Jours Du Roi. 1739-52**



“Now,” said the Count, “what will you take—a glass of Port, Sherry, or  
Alicante?” “Alicante, if you please; it is my favorite wine.”

“I have some that is very good. You will take a biscuit with it, will you  
not? [...] The count filled one glass, but in the other he only poured a  
few drops of the ruby-colored liquid. [...] The major made a wise  
choice; he took the full glass and a biscuit. The Count told Baptistin to  
leave the plate within reach of his guest, who began by sipping the  
Alicante with an expression of great satisfaction”

**Alexandre Dumas. The Count of Montecristo. 1844**

“They brought us incomparable fruits, Muscat grapes, juicy and smooth,  
blazing wine, typical of Alicante. The murmur of the waves on the sea  
was our background music, the stars in the dark sky, the lights; it was a  
summer night like I had never experienced before. “

**Hans Christian Andersen. Spanish Travels. 1863**

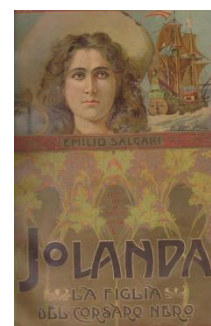







































“Alicante Fondillón 800 francs/hl, Málaga 135,  
Port, 153, Sherry 204, Valdepeñas 60”

**Maisonnavé price wine catalogue . 1892**





































“Here are revered bottles from Alicante that are so  
promising. To your health! By Bacchus! Fall like dew! Not  
even the most illustrious Mr. President of the Royal Court  
drinks it better!

**Yolanda, the Black Corsair's Daughter. Emilio Salgari. 1905**



<i>Red wines</i>		<i>Grape Variety</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Can be found in:</i>
La Tremenda. Bodegas Mendoza		Monastrell	€	 
Mo Salinas. MG Wines		Monastrell, Cabernet Sauvignon, Alicante Bouschet	€	   Alforins
Viña Ulises. Bodegas Gutiérrez de la Vega		Giró, Garnacha	€	    Alforins
Jove de Trellat. Celler Gurgu		Monastrell, Cabernet Sauvignon	€	 
Tarima Hill. Bodegas Volver	91	Monastrell	€€	   Alforins
Selecció. Celler Gurgu		Monastrell, Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon	€€	 
Pepe Mendoza Tinto. Pepe Mendoza Casa Agrícola	91	Monastrell, Syrah, Alicante Bouschet, Giró	€€	  Alforins
Rojo y Negro. Bodegas Gutierrez de la Vega	91	Giró	€€	    Alforins
Alicante Bouschet. Bodegas Volver		Alicante Bouschet	€€	   Alforins
Curii. Curii Uvas y Vinos	92	Giró	€/€€	  Alforins
Imagine. Bodegas Gutiérrez de la Vega	91	Giró	€€€	  Alforins
Giró de Abargues. Pepe Mendoza Casa Agrícola	93	Giró	€€€	 Alforins
El Sequé. Bodegas y Viñedos el Sequé	93	Monastrell	€€€	     Alforins
El Veneno. Pepe Mendoza Casa Agrícola	94	Monastrell	€€€	  Alforins



<i>White wines</i>		<i>Grape Variety</i>	<i>Price Range</i>	<i>Can be found in:</i>
Marina Alta. Bodegas Bocopa		Moscatel	€	 
Bahia de Denia. Bodegas Xaló		Moscatel	€	  
Les Freses. Celler Les Freses		Moscatel	€€	  Alforins
Pepe Mendoza Blanco. Pepe Mendoza Casa Agrícola	90	Moscatel, Macabeo, Airén	€€	  Alforins
Amphora. Celler Les Freses.		Moscatel	€€	  Alforins
Casta Diva Cosecha Dorada. Bodegas Gutiérrez de la Vega		Moscatel	€€	   Alforins
Trepadell. Curii Uvas y Vinos	91	Trepadell, Merseguera	€€	   Alforins
Pureza. Pepe Mendoza Casa Agrícola	92	Moscatel	€€	   Alforins
<i>Dessert wines</i>				
Mistela Vall de Xaló. Bodegas Xaló		Moscatel	€	 
Casta Diva Cosecha Miel. Bodegas Gutiérrez de la Vega	92	Moscatel	€€	    Alforins
Casta Diva La Diva. Bodegas Gutiérrez de la Vega	94	Moscatel	€€€	   Alforins
Tesoro de Villena Fondillón. Bodegas Virtudes		Monastrell	€€€	
Primitivo Quiles Fondillón 1948	93	Monastrell	€€€€	  Alforins
Recóndita Armonía Fondillón. Bodegas Gutiérrez de la Vega	96	Monastrell	€€€/€€€€ (by vintage)	    Alforins

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Where to find them

Local wine shops in Jávea	Address	Phone	Distance to Porta Maris	Google Maps location
	Camí Cabanes 4	966 47 27 65	3 km	
	Avenida de la Llibertat Bloque 1 (Arenal)	611 15 89 61	4 km	
	Carretera de Jávea-Gata 61	626 52 70 60	9 km	
 Bodegas Miguel 1972	Ronda Norte 10 (Casco histórico)	965 79 05 33	7 km	
Nearby wineries	Address	Phone	Distance to Porta Maris	Google Maps location
	Calle Quintana 1. Parcent	966 40 38 71	31 km	
	Finca Abargues. Llíber	688 34 47 67	24 km	
	Carretera Jalón-Alcalalí S/N, Jalón	966 48 00 34	27 km	
	Parcela 1. Poligono 12, Jesús Pobre	682 53 94 63	14 km	
Online shops	Web	Web in English	Ships abroad to:	
	<a href="https://www.drinksandco.com/">https://www.drinksandco.com/</a>	✓		
	<a href="https://www.alforins.com/">https://www.alforins.com/</a>	✓		
	<a href="https://www.bodeboca.com/">https://www.bodeboca.com/</a>			
	<a href="https://www.lavinia.es/">https://www.lavinia.es/</a>			

# Alicante Main Wine grape varieties

## *Monastrell*

Spanish in origin, it was probably brought to Valencia by the Phoenicians in 500 b.C.. Internationally it is known under the French name, Mourvèdre. Grow in areas with warm weather as the Spanish Levant (DOs. Alicante, Jumilla, Yecla and Bullas). It is a late variety, the harvest usually takes place in late September and October (for Fondillón even later, being the latest harvest in the world). Produces tannic wines that can be high in alcohol, with wild game, or earthy notes to them, with soft red fruit flavors



## *Giró*



Of less tannin than Monastrell, historically the Giró variety has been confused with Garnacha, however, recent DNA studies have shown that they are not related. The Giró is grown in Alicante, the Balearic Islands and Sardinia. It produces subtle wines with aromas of scrubland, flowers and fresh red fruit. It is the most unique red variety in surroundings of Jávea.

## *Alicante Bouschet*

It is a variety of the Red grenache. It is actually a cross between the Grenache and Petit Bouschet varieties, and one of the few red flesh grape varieties. This gives their wines an intense color, pitch black rather than red. Its aromas are less intense than those of other varieties. It is also cultivated in other regions of Spain, in the Alentejo, California, Chile or Australia.



## *Moscatel de Alejandría*



The queen of the white grapes of Alicante, probably brought by the Phoenicians from Egypt before the Vth century BC. It is grown throughout the Mediterranean (also in South Africa, California and Australia) and has been used as a wine grape, table grape or for making raisins. It can be found in dry, sweet, fortified or sparkling wines. It is one of the most aromatic varieties that exist. Although it has traditionally been associated with humble and popular dessert wines (Mistela), when well crafted it makes wines of extraordinary finesse and complexity.

**Other varieties grown in the region:** Gironet, Garnacha, Bobal, Tempranillo, Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Syrah, Petit Verdot (Red) Merseguera, Airén, Trepadell, Verdil, Macabeo, Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Viognier (White)



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