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A Bold White From Spain

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Although airén is Spain's most planted white grape, Americans rarely see the wine that results. Bodegas Sierra Virgen's 2007 version, from La Mancha, is an eye-opener.

Virtually a tropical-fruit mélange in flavor, this fragrant airén (pronounced eye-REN) has a kiwilike zip resembling that of gin and tonic. Try it with tapas like serrano ham, marinated anchovies and white beans with chorizo.

[Winesby.com](#), 23 Jones Street (Bleecker Street), charges \$14.