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Cava Spain's Sparkling Secret

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Alison Napjus' Recommended Cavas

This report reflects Napjus' blind tastings of 120 wines. A free alphabetical list is available at www.winespectator.com/113017. WineSpectator.com members can access complete reviews for all wines tasted using the online Wine Ratings search.

90 **Carmo das Pampilhas** Rosé White 2016
Portugal \$18-\$22 This off-white sparkling wine is bright, expressive and mineral. It has a smooth, fine mousse and a delicate, floral nose. The palate is light and elegant, with a subtle, citrusy finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,000 cases made.—A.N.

93 **Gato Preto** Rosé White Reserva
Reserva \$18-\$20 This off-white, off-dry sparkling wine is bright, expressive and mineral. It has a subtle, citrusy finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,000 cases made.—A.N.

93 **Huerta de la Huerta** Rosé White Cava d'En Mota 2015
Spain \$18-\$20 Refreshing off-white sparkling wine with green and citrus notes. It has a subtle, citrusy finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,000 cases made.—A.N.

93 **Huerto Pinto** Rosé White Rose Reserva
Reserva \$18 Refreshing off-white sparkling wine with green and citrus notes. It has a subtle, citrusy finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,000 cases made.—A.N.

87 **Imperial - Al Pintor** Rosé White 2016
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87 **Monte da Pinta** Rosé White Grand Reserva
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85 **Pinto** Rosé White Rosé Cava Brut Nature
Brut Nature \$18 Refreshing off-white sparkling wine with green and citrus notes. It has a subtle, citrusy finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,000 cases made.—A.N.

PORTUGAL

93 **Bonito Pinto** Rosé Red 2016 Rose 2016
Portugal \$18-\$20 This off-white sparkling wine has a subtle, citrusy finish. It has a delicate, floral nose. The palate is light and elegant, with a subtle, citrusy finish. Drink now through 2020. 1,000 cases made.—A.N.

92 **Monte** Late Bottled Rosé 2015-16
Portugal \$18-\$20

91 **Pinto do Conde** Reserva Rosé 2016
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SOUTH AFRICA

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SPAIN

Cava

92 **Recaredo Mata Casanovas** Brut Nature Cava Turó d'En Mota 2005 \$184 Bright and creamy, with a soft, silky mousse and spice- and graphite-laced flavors of ripe wild cherry, pastry and lime blossom. This rich Cava is dry and harmonious, framed by sleek acidity that drives the lasting, saline-toned finish. Disgorged January 2017. Drink now through 2025. 332 cases made.—A.N.



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Owner & Winemaker

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91 **Recaredo Mata Casanovas** Brut de Brut Cava Finca Serral del Vell Gran Reserva 2007 \$56 With 10 years in the bottle, this aromatic Cava shows maturity, more so with the fine integration than lack of freshness. Spicy acidity enlivens the flavors of toasted almond, dried cherry and mandarin orange peel that ride the satinlike mousse. Disgorged October 2016. Drink now through 2022. 8,812 cases imported.—A.N.

91 **Recaredo Mata Casanovas** Brut Nature Cava Relats Gran Reserva 2012 \$30 This refined and creamy Cava stands out for the expressive profile of steeped raspberry, exotic spice, singed orange peel and fleur de sel flavors. Finely meshed and vibrant, with a firm, lasting finish. Disgorged October 2016. Drink now through 2022. 198 cases imported.—A.N.

91 **Recaredo Mata Casanovas** Brut Nature Cava Reserva Particular de Recaredo Gran Reserva 2005 \$100 Rich notes of baked pear, white truffle and almond biscotti are set on the soft, creamy mousse of this elegant and finely meshed Cava, balanced by lemony acidity and underscored by a streak of salinity that lingers on the finish. Disgorged January 2017. Drink now through 2022. 965 cases made.—A.N.

91 **Recaredo Mata Casanovas** Brut Nature Rosat Cava Intens Gran Reserva 2012 \$40 A subtle, harmonious rosé Cava, fresh and light garnet in color, with a satinlike mousse and finely meshed flavors of kirsch, violet, ground anise and dried fig. A waft of sweet smoke lingers on the clean-cut, vinous finish. Disgorged November 2016. Drink now through 2020. 100 cases imported.—A.N.

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