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Recaredo, Reserva Particular Brut Nature, Corpinnat, Spain 2007

95 SB 92 SF 97 AH 95

£51.82 *Gourmet Hunters*

Recaredo's first Reserva Particular Brut Nature was produced in 1962. Recaredo focuses on long-aged brut nature wines, and was recently one of the six founding members of the breakaway Corpinnat group. The 2007 vintage is 64% Macabeo and 36% Xarel.lo sourced from

vineyards planted in the early 1950s, with the former fermented in stainless steel and the latter in oak. The wine sees a minimum of nine years and 10 months of ageing on its lees prior to disgorgement.

SB Tertiary truffle, mushroom and peat-like honeyed aromas. This is intriguing, balanced, and holds its brut nature status well. Certainly for fizz drinkers who like aged wines, but the mousse is still attractive.

SF Deeper colour, more mature with an almost sherried elegance, a feast of hazelnut and spice. Concentration of figs and lime, bracken and hearthside. Not ashamed to show its age!

AH Surprising nose, with some hints of warm, toasty, slightly caramelised characters. Fleshy and dense on the palate. Full-bodied, lemon acidity, lots of weight and power here. A very good example.

Drink 2019-2022 **Alc** 12%