



Sure, we could harp on Mont Marçal's celebrated status as a sparkling wine value, but we'd rather talk about the real reason you'll enjoy these well-crafted, character-driven wines...

fantastic **CAVA!**
MONT MARÇAL
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In 1975, Manuel Sancho, Spanish recording impresario, redirected his passions into wine, creating Mont Marçal Vinícola. Sancho converted a 14th-century farmhouse in the heart of Penedès into a state-of-the-art winemaking facility. With the floor plan of

a basilica, the building was modified at the end of the 19th century into a convent for the order of "Barefoot Carmelites." The overall structure and many of its unique architectural assets have survived more than four centuries of renovations and restorations, and the building yet recalls the charm of the original edifice. Recent excavation has revealed medieval underground passageways in the chalk which have been carefully preserved and are now used to expand bottle storage.

The 230-acre estate is located on a prominent chalky knoll five miles south of Vilafranca del Penedès, overlooking the hamlet of Sant Marçal. 100 acres are planted to both indigenous and nontraditional varieties: Parellada, Xarel·lo, Macabeo, Chardonnay, Tempranillo, Chardonnay, Syrah, Merlot, and Cabernet Sauvignon. In addition to the estate's own vineyards, Mont Marçal collaborates with other Penedès properties to fulfill the demands of its popular portfolio. The Mont's 360-degree exposure consistently brings the varieties to full physiological maturation. Intrinsic vineyard quality, meticulous viticulture, careful harvest, and vinification yield a naturally-rich base wine in little need of dosage.

Sancho's daughter Blanca now runs the cellar with a team of young professionals, whose energy, knowledge and professionalism has created a compelling contemporary vision for the portfolio.

Cava Brut RESERVA

"The 2008 Brut Reserva (which contains 10% Chardonnay along with the traditional Cava varieties) displays biscuit and white fruit aromas with just off-dry flavors on the palate. There is good concentration and balance here leading to a medium long, refreshing finish." [Parker's Wine Advocate] "Best Buy"

Cava Brut ROSADO

"The medium pink 2009 Brut Rosado is made from 100% Trepat. Earthy minerals, strawberry, and cherry blossom aromas inform the nose of this savory Cava which lingers nicely on the palate. It is an excellent value for drinking over the next 12-18 months." [Parker's Wine Advocate] "Best Buy"

EXTREMARIUM

90 Points *"The N.V. Brut Extremarium is light straw-colored with persistent small bubbles and aromas of mineral, wheat thin, and green apple. Intense and crisp on the palate, this nicely balanced sparkling wine offers a very good rapport between price and quality." [Parker's Wine Advocate]*

90 Points *"Pale gold with a fine bead. Pungent aromas of musky pear, yellow plum, anise and lemon thyme. Pliant orchard fruit and melon flavors are given a refreshingly bitter edge by peach pit and quinine. Really stains the palate, finishing with excellent breadth, cut and grip. This actually seems young: I'd give it a year or so of bottle age." [Tanzer's IWC]*

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