



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 a portion of his passion for the arts into creating Mont Marçal. 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 structure and many of its unique architectural assets have survived four centuries of renovations and restorations, and the building

yet recalls the charm of the original edifice. Recent excavations have revealed medieval underground passageways in the chalk, carefully preserved and now used to expand bottle storage.

The 230-acre estate is located on and named for 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 demand for its internationally popular bottlings. The Mont's **360-degree** exposure consistently brings fruit to full physiological maturation. Intrinsic vineyard quality, meticulous viticulture, careful harvest, and vinification yield a naturally-rich base wine in little need of dosage.



Mont Marçal is run by a team of dedicated young professionals whose energy and knowledge bring a compelling contemporary vision to the portfolio. Bottles are only disgorged at the winery at time of shipping, achieving **the ultimate in freshness and vividity!**



## Cava Brut RESERVA

*Vinous on the 2014: **90 Points** "Pale green-tinged gold. Bright and energetic on the nose, displaying ripe pear and melon scents and a zesty lemon pith topnote. Fleshy, dry and focused on the palate, offering Meyer lemon, honeydew and yellow apple flavors that are given an edge of spiciness by a subtle ginger note. Closes with bright, minerally cut, repeating florality and very good persistence."*

## Cava Brut ROSADO

Equal amounts of Trappat, Pinor Noir, and Grenache. *Vinous on the 2015: **90 Points** "Very light orange-pink. Musky aromas of orange zest, strawberry and dried rose are given urgency by a zesty mineral topnote. Silky, spicy and focused on the palate, offering lively red berry and citrus fruit flavors and a hint of toastiness on the back half. Closes on a nervy mineral note, displaying very good energy and a lingering suggestion of bitter blood orange."*

## EXTREMARIUM

*Parker's WA: **90 Points** "It is made up of Xarel-lo, Parellada, and barrel-fermented Chardonnay. It offers up a sophisticated, Champagne-like mousse leading to a substantial, concentrated, dry, and well balanced sparkling wine that should last for several years."*

*Vinous: **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."*

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