

Naveran Brut Vintage Rosado



Naveran Brut Rosado is an estate-bottled vintage organic Cava made from Pinot Noir and the traditional Parellada grape. The Naveran family legacy began in 1901. Today the estate has 110 hectares (272 acres) of vines in the town of Torrelavit located in the Alt (high) Penedés sub-region, about 30 minutes outside of Barcelona. Cava is produced utilizing the same methods as in Champagne and has remained Spain's best-kept secret. Bodegas Naveran is a premium Cava producer that exclusively uses the organic grapes they farm on their own properties. Naveran Brut Rosado spends at least 12 months on its lees after fermentation in the bottle to achieve greater depth, complexity, and elegance. The Pinot Noir character in this wine is apparent throughout, with beautiful bright red fruit and a compelling vinous character and texture.

WHAT MAKES THIS WINE UNIQUE?: This is a single vintage, Pinot Noir-dominant blend from organically farmed, all-estate fruit with extended lees contact. This rosado's Pinot character is beautifully evident on the nose and palate, and this will delight anyone who typically embraces grower Champagne.

RATING HISTORY: 2019 Best Buy W&S, 90IWR; 2014 90W&S; 2012 89RP

GRAPE: 80% Pinot Noir and 20% Parellada. Organically grown vines planted from 1975-1999. Tended in clay and limestone soil at 400 m (1,312 ft) elevation. This is a vegan wine.

PAIRING SUGGESTIONS: Cavas are very versatile as an apéritif before the meal, to accompany dessert afterwards and (surprise!) to enjoy during the meal. This Naveran Brut Rosado will pair with soft cheeses, fresh fruit, white meats (pork and chicken) and even richly flavored red meats. This Cava is great for sipping on its own, especially for receptions and other "standing up" events.

VINIFICATION AND AGEING: Each grape variety is harvested, crushed and fermented separately in stainless steel tanks at low temperature, with coupage in November, tirage and second fermentation in the bottle typical of the méthode Champenoise. Then, disgorgement (deguelle) is followed by dosage. The wine is aged for 12 months on its lees.

PRODUCTION: 10,000 cases

LOCATION, SOIL, CLIMATE: The vineyards are located within the DO Penedés (Zone 5) in northeastern Spain, a few miles south of Barcelona in the Alt Penedés subregion, at an elevation of 400 meters (1,312 ft.). The soils are composed of limestone and sandy topsoil with clay subsoil. The texture of the topsoil allows for good drainage while the subsoil has good water retention. The medium levels of pH in the soil and low percentage of organic matter result in moderate yields and balanced acidity in the grapes. Regarding the area's climate, the average temperature from April-October is 66.3F and the annual rainfall is 23.9 inches. The days are hot with moderate night temperatures for this high Mediterranean region. The Naveran Estate's higher elevation allows the grapes to retain more natural acidity, which results in wines that are zesty, fresh and have expressive aromas.

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 12%

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