

D.O. CAVA

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Jancis Robinson acclaims the excellence of long-aged Cavas

Ferran Centelles, wine-taster for Spanish wines at www.jancisrobinson.com, praises their finesse and quality



Vilafranca del Penedès, 29 January 2021.- To commemorate the "beginning of a new era for Cava", the renowned sommelier Ferran Centelles, special correspondent/taster in Spain for Jancis Robinson, one of the world's leading wine consultants, has published an article bestowing high praise on Cava. Centelles was discussing a blind tasting of some of the finest Cavas, examples from the very apex of the D.O. Cava pyramid.

The leading examples of the quality Spanish sparkling wine were chosen using the common characteristic of long aging. They obtained "an astonishing overall average of 17 points" out of 20, says Centelles. "The Cavas with longer bottle aging are extremely refined," he adds, "with the highest standard of quality, placing them at a world-class level". In his words, "the depth, complexity and versatility that these wines can acquire with age make them ideal for countless occasions".

The selection of more than 40 premium Cavas was made by Ramon Francàs, wine journalist at *La Vanguardia* and professional sommelier, who considers that "Cava has moved forward/progressed more in the last two years than in the previous 30, becoming one of the strictest designations of origin in Europe".

This unprecedented tasting was lauded by respected personalities from the wine sector, who highlighted the quality and excellence of the D.O. Cava. The selected wines belong to the following wineries: 1+1=3, Agustí Torelló Mata, Alta Alella, Blancher, Carles Andreu, Codorníu, Freixenet, Giró Ribot, Guilera, Jané Ventura, Jaume Giró i Giró, Juvé & Camps, L'Origan, Maria Casanovas, Maria Rigol Ordi, Mestres, Oliver Viticultors, Oriol Rossell,

Parató, Pago de Tharsys, Pere Ventura, Rexach Baqués, Rimarts, Segura Viudas, Sumarroca, Vilarnau, Vins El Cep and Vins Família Ferrer.

You can read the full article, and the tasting notes of each Cava, at the following link: <https://www.jancisrobinson.com/articles/top-cavas-tasting> (note that access is limited to members of the site).

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With more than 60% of sales to the international market, Cava is the Spanish D.O. that exports the most wine: its 370 associated wineries are present in over 100 countries. The D.O. encompasses more than 38,000 hectares of vineyards and more than 6,800 winegrowers. Cava harmonises perfectly with every type of gastronomy, and is made using the traditional method, with a strict commitment to origin, land, and sustainability.

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