



RAVENTÓS i BLANC

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Reviews by Luis Gutierrez (February 2014)



De Nit 2011

90 points

“The 2011 De Nit is a blend of Macabeo, Xarello, Parellada and Monastrell (only a small percentage, around 5%) partly from their own vineyards and partly from other suppliers aged for 33 months in bottle. The wine is very pale faded-pink colored with notes of dried roses, yeasts and fennel. The palate is very tasty, with pungent acidity and persistent bubbles, ending very dry. Drink now-2016.”



L'Hereu Brut Reserva 2011

90 points

“A blend of Macabeo, Xarello and Parellada from their own vineyards and some grapes sourced from growers located in the Anoia valley in Penedes, which aged for 18 months. All bottles have the disgorgement date on the back label, so they are not all the same in bottle with 8.5 grams of residual sugar. It is pale yellow-colored with fresh notes of apple and yeasts, some toasted bread with a sharp palate with high acidity, clean and refreshing, powerful yet elegant, with a citric finish. Drink now.”



La Finca Gran Reserva 2010

91 points

“The 2010 Gran Reserva De la Finca Brut is a blend of Macabeo, Xarello and Parellada from the best plots within their own dry-farmed vineyards (De la Finca means ‘from the estate’), grown on chalk-rich soils aged for 32 months in bottle. The wine is wrapped in paper with a label that is a leaflet that explains the wine and the zone. It has a nose of nuts, smoke and bread dough, quite elegant, and develops more complex aromas of brioche and honey with time in the glass. The palate has good harmony, with small bubbles, good acidity and a sharp, electric, refreshing finish, still a bit raw, but should develop well in the bottle. Drink 2015-2019.”



Enoteca Personal Manuel Raventos 2001

95 points

“A special blend of 60% Xarello and 40% Parellada from their Clos del Serral and Creueta del Coll plots (and from 2007 onwards the cuvee is only Xarello) vineyards, which aged for seven years in bottle in contact with the lees. It has a bright golden color, much darker than the 2000, with abundant notes of roasted nuts, smoke, toasted bread, honey and caramel. It has lots of freshness, and underneath you still find fruit notes. The palate is compact, balanced, elegant and complex, with imperceptible bubbles that just add texture and give freshness with great persistence, very tasty and supple with a chicken-broth, umami taste. A great aged Cava. 7,958 bottles were produced, but most of them were disgorged and sold years ago and only a fraction remain and are offered now as Enoteca. Drink now-2019.”