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BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO Mestizaje Tinto 2013 || 90 points

“Vivid ruby. Lively cherry, raspberry and fresh flowers on the nose, with a vivacious peppery element. Silky and focused, offering juicy red berry flavors that flesh out slowly on the back half. The gently tannic finish hangs on with very good, floral-driven persistence and echoing pepperiness.”



BODEGAS MUSTIGUILLO Finca Terrerazo || 92 points

“Bright purple. Highly perfumed, displaying ripe blackberry, lavender and a hint of musky underbrush. Juicy and broad on the palate, with powerful bitter cherry and blackcurrant flavors becoming more lively as the wine opens in the glass. The spicy, very long finish shows suave, harmonious tannins and a lingering floral character.”



ATANCE Bobal 2013 || 89 points

Vivid ruby-red. The spicy, focused nose displays lively blackberry and cracked pepper aromas and deep licorice and dark chocolate flourishes. Time in the glass reveals an intriguing floral quality. The finish is gently tannic and taut, with lingering spice and cherry pit qualities.”



ALTAMENTE Monastrell || 89 points

“Youthful purple color. Smoky and ripe on the nose, displaying scents of singed plum, dark berry liqueur and licorice. Broad-shouldered and fleshy, offering sweet cassis and candied licorice flavors and a touch of cracked pepper. Supple tannins build slowly and add gentle grip to the smooth, slightly smoky finish.”

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TERRA SANCTUS Clos la Rae 2010 || 91 points

“Vivid ruby. Aromas and flavors of ripe, mineral-tinged dark berries, cherry-cola and spicecake, with a suggestion of licorice emerging in the glass. The silky, seamless palate, displays very good finishing cut and spicy persistence. This wine has the concentration and balance to reward at least mid-range aging but it’s awfully appealing right now.”



CELLER JOAN SIMO Viatge 2013 || 89 points

“Opaque ruby. The nose displays intense, spice-dominated dark berries, cherry pit, licorice and a peppery note that builds in the glass. Spicy and focused on the palate, offering zesty blackberry and bitter cherry flavors, along with a hint of gaminess. Closes on a spicy note, with good lift, an echo of cured meat and a gentle tannic grip.”



DIT CELLER Cabirol Tinto 2013 || 90 points

“Vivid ruby. Lively and sharply focused on the nose, intense red berry and floral pastille scents are complemented by peppery spices. The silky and appealingly sweet palate offers juicy raspberry and cherry flavors that deepen on the back half. Very good clarity and lift on the finish, with harmonious tannins and lingering floral character. This vibrant, intensely fruity wine saw just five months in a combination of used French and American oak casks.”



DIT CELLER Selenita Nit 2010 || 92 points

“Bright ruby. Vibrant raspberry and cherry aromas are complicated by Asian spices and candied flowers. A hint of allspice builds on the back half of the palate, enlivening pliant red berry and lavender pastille flavors. Juicy and incisive on the finish, with fine-grained tannins and an echo of floral pastilles.”



LA VIDA AL CAMP Perfum 2014 || 90 points

“Pale, bright straw. Here, hints of white pepper and ginger give a nervy edge to fresh melon and nectarine aromas and flavors. The palate shows very good lift and cut, with a pleasing bitterness on the back half. Strong cling and expressive floral notes resonate through the silky, spicy and focused finish. This wine is a side project from Raventós i Blanc, one of the top producers in the region. It’s a fantastic partner for southeast Asian seafood, vegetable and poultry dishes.”

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RAVENTOS I BLANC Extrem 2014 || 92 points

“Brilliant, green-tinged straw. Powerful, highly perfumed citrus and orchard fruit aromas are complicated by suggestions of smoky minerals and jasmine. Concentrated yet vibrant and precise, the palate offers nervy pink grapefruit, orange zest and pear skin flavors that flesh out slowly in the glass. The long, incisive finish shows excellent clarity and thrust, lingering with dusty mineral and floral notes.”



RAVENTOS I BLANC Silencis 2014 || 91 points

“Light, slightly hazy yellow. Lively and focused on the nose, displaying lime zest, quince, chalky minerals and a suave floral nuance. The dry, racy and precise palate communicates zesty citrus and orchard fruit flavors that become fleshier with air. Finishes spicy, stony and very long, with excellent precision and cut.”



RAVENTOS I BLANC De Nit Rose 2013 || 91 points

“Pale orange. Intense red berry, blood orange and rose pastille scents, along with zesty minerality and a hint of white pepper. The juicy, focused and energetic palate reveals vibrant, mineral-tinged tangerine and raspberry flavors that deepen and expand with air. This vintage shows more depth and breadth than the 2012, with a taut, sharply focused finish that echoes the floral and red fruit notes emphatically.”



RAVENTOS I BLANC L'Hereu 2013 || 90 points

“Green-tinged straw. High-pitched lime and grapefruit scents, along with succulent herbs and quinine. Dry, focused and racy on the palate, offering bitter citrus zest, pear skin flavors and a hint of tarragon. Tighter and more linear than the 2012 vintage, with strong closing bite and lingering mineral and lime pith qualities.”



RAVENTOS I BLANC De La Finca 2012 || 92 points

“Vivid gold. Lively, mineral-tinged citrus and orchard fruit aromas are joined by lovely notes of jasmine, green tea, honey and ginger. Fleeshy, dry and sharply focused on the palate, with Meyer lemon, pear skin and quince flavors that spread out and deepen on the back half. At once rich, nervy and lithe, this wine displays excellent finishing thrust, length and resonating minerality.”

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RAVENTOS I BLANC Manuel Raventos 2007 || 93 points

“Light, green-tinged gold. Deeply perfumed, complex scents of dried pear, orange zest, pungent flowers and toasty lees, along with a vivacious mineral element. Concentrated, sharply focused orchard and citrus fruit flavors are complicated by suggestions of fennel, honey and marzipan, with a bitter quinine nuance emerging slowly on the back half. The extremely long, sappy finish shows excellent clarity and thrust, echoing the orange and floral notes. This compelling sparkling wine is one of the very best that I have ever had from Spain.”



CELLER LA VINYETA Heus Negre 2014 || 90 points

“Bright violet color. Spicy and sharply focused, displaying cherry pit, cracked pepper and black cardamom on the nose. Juicy dark berry and violet pastille flavors show very good depth and vivacity, with a peppery quality that delivers back-end cut. The finish is gently tannic, closing with very good energy and spicy persistence.”



CELLER LA VINYETA Heus Blanc || 89 points

“Bright, green-tinged straw. Mineral-accented citrus fruit and floral scents are complemented by hints of fennel and ginger. Taut and incisive on the palate, offering bitter lemon zest and quinine flavors that fatten up and stretch out slowly on the back half. A bright, tangy finish packs a solid punch but comes across as lithe, with a jolt of smoky minerals.”



CELLER LA VINYETA Llavors 2013 || 89 points

“Vivid purple. The deeply perfumed nose presents ripe cherry, plum jam and vanilla. Lush and open-knit, with warm black and blue fruit flavors and a suggestion of dark chocolate. Chewy tannins shape the broad, smoke-tinged finish of this rich, palate-coating wine.”



CELLER LA VINYETA Puntia part 2013 || 91 points

“Brilliant ruby. Spice- and smoke-accented dark berries and candied plum on the nose, complicated by a touch of vanilla. The spine of juicy minerality adds lift to oak-spiced bitter cherry and cassis flavors. Finishes with supple, slow-building tannins and a sexy floral quality.”

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VINS DE PEDRA L'Orni 2014 || 90 points

“Light yellow. Expansive aromas and flavors of nectarine, orange zest, honeysuckle and a lifting minerally element. The finish is juicy, brisk and focused, with very good finishing clarity and lingering pit fruit and floral notes.”



VINS DE PEDRA La Musa 2013 || 91 points

“Brilliant ruby. Expansive, smoke- and spice-accented aromas of raspberry and cherry pit are complemented by notes of vanilla and five-spice powder. The sappy, seamless palate explodes with lively red berry and cherry-cola flavors that gain weight and sweeten in the glass. Supple tannins give shape and thrust to the long, focused finish, leaving spicecake and mocha notes behind.”