



Penedés

Bodegas Naverán

Winery Info Sheet



Proprietor: Bodegas Naverán, founded in 1985 by Michel Gilleron Parellada of Swiss origin, owning 1,110 acres of vineyards (1.61% of the High Penedés sub-region) in the town of Torrelavit.

Winemaker / Vineyard Manager: Emili Esteve *and* Luis Esclassans.

Location: Zone 5, northeast of Spain (few miles south of Barcelona) in the *High Penedés sub-region*, at an altitude of 827 ft. The High Penedés, credited for growing French grape varieties for many centuries (earliest reference--the 3rd century A.D. during Spanish Roman occupation). In relation to other wine regions in Zone 5: *Penedés is north of Priorat and south of Costa Brava.*

Wines made: Naverán Crianza Cabernet Sauvignon, Don Pablo, Manuela, Cava Dama *and* Cava Brut Reserva (plus other wines not currently imported by Ole Imports).

Climate: *High Mediterranean (Zone 5) hot days and moderate temperatures at night. "High" refers to the northern latitude and "Mediterranean" to the proximity to the sea. The Naverán vineyards, at an altitude of 827 ft. have an average temperature of 66.3° F from April to October and 14.9 inches of rainfall during the active growing season of the vine. Naverán has cooler temperatures than Casteller, due to its higher altitude (vs. Casteller at 577 ft.). As a result, wines made by Naverán have good skin pigmentation, medium-high aromatics, balanced acidity and polished tannins. Note: Naverán's climate is warmer than Priorat, Montsant, and cooler than Costa Brava, and Terra Alta.*

Soil: *The topsoil is composed of limestone and sand with a subsoil of clay. The texture of the topsoil allows for good water drainage and subsoil — good water retention. The medium levels of soil pH and low percentage of organic substance results in balanced levels of acidity and moderate yields. Even though Naverán has a cooler climate than Casteller, Naverán harvest takes place before Casteller due to the vineyards steeper slopes.*

What makes Naverán wines unique? 1) Consistency in producing *superior quality sparkling wines.* 2) Entirely *estate own vineyards* allowing for higher quality control. 3) Old vines resulting in smaller yields, increasing concentration and grape quality. 4) 85% of the Cavas made by Naverán are sold in France--the mother country of Champagne!



There are 68,521 acres of vineyard land in Penedés.

White Grapes from Penedés:

Xarello: An early budding Catalan grape providing body and structure.

Parellada: Premium Catalan variety used for the production of Cava provides good acidity – the crunchy crispness of fresh apples and low alcohol.

Macabeu: (syn. Viura) late budding, pale skinned grape and both grows well in hot climates and matures without oxidizing, nose of floral aromas with low acidity.



13th Century shrine within the vineyards of Naverán.

BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

NAME OF VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES	GRAPES	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
CABERNET PARCEL	80	23	CABERNET SAUVIGNON	LIMESTONE, SAND AND CLAY	827 ft	5%
MACABEU	150	50	MACABEU	LIMESTONE, SAND AND CLAY	827 ft	5%
XARELLO	75	45	XARELLO	LIMESTONE, SAND AND CLAY	827 ft	5%
PARELLADA	250	56	PARELLADA	LIMESTONE, SAND AND CLAY	827 ft	5%
TEMPRANILLO PARCEL	60	30	TEMPRANILLO	LIMESTONE, SAND AND CLAY	827 ft	5%
MERLOT PARCEL	110	16	MERLOT	LIMESTONE, SAND AND CLAY	827 ft	5%
CHARDONNAY PARCEL	300	22	CHARDONNAY	LIMESTONE, SAND AND CLAY	827 ft	5%
SYRAH / PINOT N. PARCEL	10 / 15	5	SYRAH AND PINOT NOIR	LIMESTONE, SAND AND CLAY	827 ft	5%
VIOGNIER PARCEL	50	13	VIOGNIER	LIMESTONE, SAND AND CLAY	827 ft	5%



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Name of Wine: Naverán Cava Brut Reserva N/V
Producer: Bodegas Naverán.
DO: Penedés (Zone # 5)
Grape Varietal: 50% Xarello, 30% Macabeu, 20% Parellada
Production: 10,000 Cases made – 6,000 for the U.S.
Wine Maker: Emili Esteve
Ageing: 12 months in the lies
Notes:

Naverán Brut Reserva N/V released on 05 Parker **88 pts**
A blend of 50% Xarello, 30% Macabeo, and 20% Parellada, the non-vintage Cava Brut Reserva Blanc de Blancs (a term which obviously has a different connotation in Spain as in France it would have to be made from 100% Chardonnay) is a crisp, chalky sparkler that should drink well for 1-2 years. June 2005



Name of Wine: Naverán Dama 2003
Producer: Bodegas Naverán
DO: Penedés (Zone # 5)
Grape Varietal: 85% Chardonnay, 15% Parellada
Production: 2,000 Cases made – 900 for the U.S.
Wine Maker: Emili Esteve
Ageing: 24 months in the lies
Notes:

Dama 2003 IWC **89 pts**

Pale gold. Wonderfully expressive scents of mineral-tinged orange, melon and Meyer lemon. Round and lush but juicy, offering deep tangerine and spicier citrus flavors. The focused, long finish shows a lingering note of ripe melon. Very impressive for the price. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006

Previous Ratings:

2002 Vintage: 89 pts by Robert Parker June 2005



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Name of Wine: Naverán Cava Rose 2003

Producer: Bodegas Naverán.

DO: Penedés (Zone # 5)

Grape Varietal: 100% Pinot Noir

Production: 800 Cases made – 200 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Emili Esteve

Ageing: 24 months in the lies

Notes:

Name of Wine: Manuela 2004

Producer: Bodegas Naverán

DO: Penedés (Zone # 5)

Grape Varietal: 100% Chardonnay

Production: 4,500 Cases made - 2,000 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Emili Esteve

Ageing: 4 months in 2 year old French oak barrels.

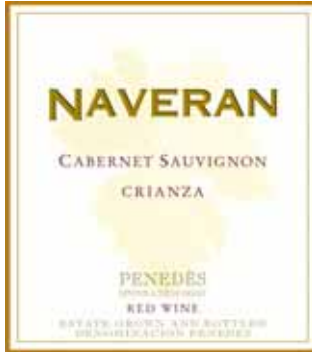
Notes:

Naverán Cava Perles Roses 2003 IWC **89 pts**

Pink with a bronze tinge. Pretty aromas of spicy blood orange, strawberry and redcurrant, lifted by a tangy mineral component. Fresh red fruit flavors are given energy by juicy acids, with a candied floral note adding interest. Frothy, broad and gentle on the suave finish. IWC by Josh Reynolds Sept/Oct 2006



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Name of Wine: Naverán Crianza Cab 2003

Producer: Bodegas Naverán

DO: Penedés (Zone # 5)

Grapes: 85% Cab, 10% Merlot, 5% Temp.

Production: 5,000 Cases made – 3,000 for the U.S.

Wine Maker: Emili Esteve and Luis Esclassans

Ageing: 12 Months in French and American Oak.

Notes:

Naverán Crianza 2001 Parker **87 pts.**

An excellent value in Cabernet Sauvignon (**how many times can one say that?**), the 2001 Cabernet Sauvignon Crianza (85% Cabernet Sauvignon, 10% Merlot, and 5% Tempranillo) exhibits a deep ruby color along with dense, leathery, black currant and tobacco-tinged flavors, medium body, and a spicy, smooth finish. Drink it over the next 2-3 years. June 2005