

# Cygnus Albireo Brut Reserva (Organic) NV (Sparkling Wine)



U MES U (formerly known as 1+1=3) is a winery located in Font-Rubí, in the Alt Penedès region, Spain. Since the beginning, in 2000, we focused on sustainable practices and elaborating wines with a distinctive character, far from conventionalism.

Our project is underpinned by the passion of people behind it, people that sum visions and efforts to reach their goals. Thus, in 2014 we elaborated one of the first no sulfite-added cavas –internationally renowned for its quality-, and since 2018 all our wines and cavas have the Organic Certification.

Today, the third generation of the cellar keeps caring for the environment and elaborating wines under the Penedès and Cava Denomination of Origin to keep surprising all palates.

<b>Appellation</b>	Cava D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	35% Parellada (41-yr-old vines), 35% Xarel•lo (30-yr-old vines) & 30% Macabeo (49-yr old vines)
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	260-450 meters / range of soil from deep/stony to clay-loam and limestone
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Organic and Vegan certified
<b>Harvest</b>	Harvest in small boxes by hand starting beginning of September
<b>Production</b>	Individual varieties are fermented separately in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for a minimum of 12 months on lees (disgorging date on back label); 8.5 gr/liter Residual sugar
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack Size</b>	839318000613 / 20839318000617 / 12

## Reviews:

“The new release of the Cygnus “Albireo” Cava Reserva Brut is made from a blend of forty- five percent Macabeu (forty-nine year-old vines), thirty-five percent Xarel-lo and twenty percent Parellada, with all of the grapes grown organically. The wine was aged fifteen months in its fine lees prior to disgorgement in July of 2022. The wine offers up a refined bouquet of lemon, tart pear, wild fennel, salty white soil tones and a topnote of lemongrass. On the palate the wine is crisp, precise and full-bodied, with a good core, excellent mineral undertow, frothy mousse and lovely length and grip on the impeccably balanced finish. I do not know what the dosage is for this bottling, but it seems quite low and perfectly suited to the wine. A lovely bottle. 2023-2040.” **90+ points View from the Cellar**; John Gilman - Issue #103 January-February 2023

“The Cygnus “Albireo” bottling is crafted from a combination of thirty-five percent each of Parellada and Xarel-lo, coupled with thirty percent Macabeo. The vines are a bit older for this bottling than in the regular Brut NV, with the Macabeo vines nearly fifty years of age now. The wine is from the base year of 2019 again and was disgorged in October of 2021, with 8.5 grams of finishing dosage. The wine shows more depth on the nose than the regular bottling, offering up scents of green apple, fresh lime, a touch of menthol, lovely, salty soil tones and a topnote of lemongrass. On the palate the wine is vibrant, full-bodied, focused and nascently complex, with an excellent core of fruit, fine mineral signature, frothy mousse and a long, crisp and beautifully balanced finish. This has the depth in the mid-palate to repay aging and is an excellent value! Altogether, just a touch more serious than the regular bottling. 2022-2045+.”

**90+ points View from the Cellar**; John Gilman - Issue #98 March-April 2022

“Aromas of lemon curd, orange blossom and croissant set the scene for flavors of pineapple, lemon-lime sorbet, marzipan and rose water. This wine is lightly effervescent on the tongue and has a bright lemon zest finish.”

**90 points Wine Enthusiast**; Mike DeSimone - Issue Nov 2022

