

TOP 100 WINES OF 2019

94 | **Raventós i Blanc** \$84
2012 Conca del Riu Anoia Manuel Raventós Brut Nature Pepe Raventos was among the first producers to leave the Cava DO, focusing on biodynamically farmed, deeply flavorful sparklers like this Brut Nature. The wine's heady toastiness comes first, but prominent fruit flavors come up to meet it, along with savory notes of thyme. Nacho Monclus of Brooklyn's *Camperdown Elm* compared it to the scent of freshly harvested almonds, a freshness driving through the wine's savor. It's a purely Spanish sparkling wine. (W&S 8/19) *Skurnik Wines & Spirits, NY* —J.G.