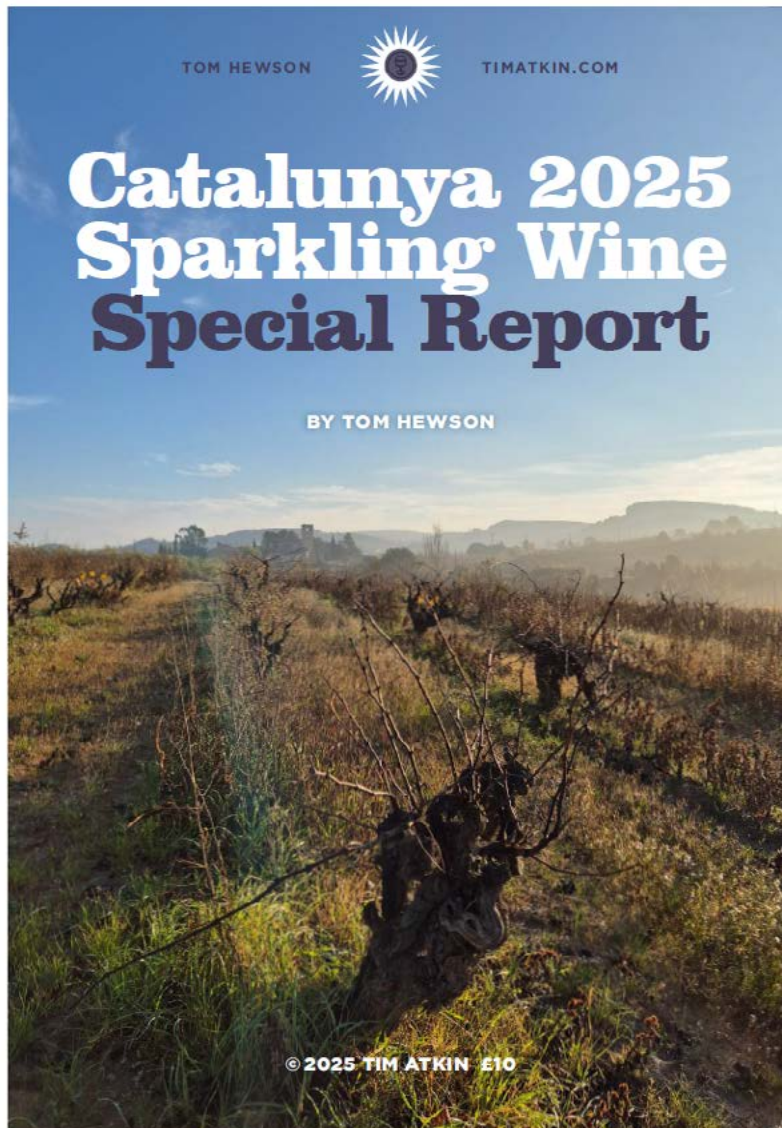


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Who is Tim Atkin?

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U MES U AT CATALUNYA SPARKLING WINE 2025 by TOM HEWSON

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You can read the whole report if you buy it at the following [link](#).



AWARDED AS...

Entry Level - €15 and under

Catalan Sparkling Of The Year

U mes U Cygnus Sador, Cava de Guarda Reserva

U Mes U, an organic producer in the Alt Penedès, are a fine example of a top Cava producer flying, for now, a little under the radar. Many of the wines shone in this year's tasting at the Cava DO for their complete, aromatically convincing fruit; the 'Larus', a canny blend of Xarel-lo and Pinot Noir, was undoubtedly one of the top wines in the region to make significant use of a grape variety that is, in truth, too early-ripening for most of Penedès. I didn't know the prices whilst tasting these wines, so it was a very pleasant surprise indeed to see the fine Cygnus Sador in this category. An unqualified recommendation.

U MES U CAVAS POINTS ON THE REPORT

Entry Level - €15 and under



U Mes U Fan Tres S.L. Cygnus Sador 2021

Cava de Guarda Superior Reserva

Umesu continue to impress in the Cygnus range with this classic blend of 55% Xarel-lo, 30% Macabeo and 15% Parellada from the Alt Penedès aged for 24 months. It's discreet, honeyed and fine in profile with white peach, mandarin and pear aromas focused on delicate fruit rather than anything heavy, herbal or grippy. No dosage, but no gaps and no toughness either. Fine quality. 2025-2026



U Mes U Fan Tres S.L. Cygnus Deneb 2021

Cava de Guarda Superior Reserva

Making sparkling wines without sulphite additions can lead to speedy evolution, but this appears to be a very fine effort indeed from Umesu. All from Xarel-lo in Sant Marti Sarroca in the Alt Penedès it's stony, pale and refined with ripe green apple, bitter lemon and fennel flavours, sapid and refreshing with a little marine saltiness. Accomplished. 2025-2026

Premium Level - €15 and 26€



U Mes U Fan Tres S.L. Larus 2021

Cava de Guarda Superior Reserva

This is an imaginative blend of 50:50 Xarel-lo and Pinot Noir from Umesu's estate that just works; the Pinot Noir aromatics here are beautifully true, with some deep, fragrant plum and blackberry fruit meeting toasted almond maturity, spicy dried ginger and citric Xarel-lo to bring out the best in both grapes. It's vinous but not heavy, the Xarel-lo pulling the Pinot, which can sometimes be flabby in Penedès, tight, long and sapid. Impressive! 2025-2027