



Wine of the Week: Segura Viudas Aria NV Brut - \$10

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Even though [Champagne sales are way down](#), prices are still way up. For a sparkling treat for under \$10, you'll want to try the Aria NV Brut.

Aria is a Cava, which is made in Spain. The wine is made in the exact same method used to make Champagne. Many other sparkling wines are made from less expensive methods, which you can sometimes detect - often by their big clunky bubbles.

Cava is not a region; it is a type of wine that must be made a certain way but can be made in many different parts of Spain.

According to the producer: "Aria is a méthode champenoise sparkling wine from the Segura Viudas Estate in Sant Sadurní d'Anoia, Spain, and is styled after Segura Viudas' top-of-the-line cava, Reserva Heredad." (*which retails for about \$20*)

Aria is a blend of the first pressings of the traditional Cava grapes: Macabeo, Parellada and Xarel-lo. Macabeo (60%) provides a fine, honeyed aroma; Parellada (20%) lends subtle elegance; and the Xarel-lo (20%) provides the backbone of the cava and gives both body and good acidity.

Unlike most inexpensive sparkling wines, you'll find the fresh breadly notes of a fine Champagne that come from the wine being aged on its yeasts for about three years.

It also has persistent and tiny bubbles – another characteristic of fine Champagne. It is bone dry, and offers flavors and aromas of apples, pineapple, almonds and lime. It is crisp, clean and refreshing with a long clean finish.

This wine can be purchased from:

[Garnet Wine & Spirits](#), 929 Lexington Avenue New York, NYC; 212-772-3211; <http://www.garnetwine.com>

[Astor Wine & Spirits](#), 399 Lafayette St at East 4th Street, NYC; 212-674-7500; <http://www.astorwines.com>

[Sherry Lehmann](#), 505 Park Avenue, NYC; 212-838-7500; <http://www.sherry-lehmann.com>



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