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□ □ **An incredible, tense race-long battle between Red Bull's Max Verstappen and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton saw Hamilton triumph for his sixth Spanish Grand Prix win, the reigning world champion brilliantly executing a two-stop strategy to claim his third win in four races this season, as Verstappen finished ahead of the second Mercedes of Valtteri Bottas.**

Verstappen led the majority of the race after brilliantly snatching the lead from Hamilton into Turn 1 at the start, with Red Bull then committing to a one-stop strategy around the Circuit de Barcelona-Catalunya, as Hamilton opted for two.

But with six laps to go, Hamilton used the superior performance of his newer tyres to pass the Dutchman into Turn 1 and check out for his 98th victory, and fifth straight win at the circuit – Verstappen ultimately deciding to pit for softs once Hamilton was past and go for a consolation fastest lap, which he duly got.

Formula 1 Aramco Gran Premio De España 2021
Race results...

POSITION	TIME	POINTS		
1 Lewis	Hamilton	Mercedes	1:33:07.680	
2 Max	Verstappen	Red Bull Racing	+15.841s	19
3 Valtteri	Bottas	Mercedes	+26.610s	15
4 Charles	Leclerc	Ferrari	+54.616s	12
5 Sergio	Perez	Red Bull Racing	+63.671s	10