

# Viña Real

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## CRIANZA 2012

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<b>Name of Wine:</b>	VIÑA REAL
<b>Type of Wine:</b>	Crainza
<b>Region of Production:</b>	Rioja
<b>Year:</b>	2012
<b>Vintage Rating:</b>	Very Good
<b>Grape Varieties:</b>	90% Tempranillo 10% Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuela
<b>Bottle Type:</b>	Burgundy
<b>Case / Bottle Size:</b>	C/6 and C/12 – 75 cl C/12 – 37.5cl, Magnum 1.5l
<b>Alcoholic Volume:</b>	13,20 % Vol.
<b>Total Acidity:</b>	5,5 grs/l
<b>pH:</b>	3.58
<b>Volatile Acidity:</b>	0.49 grs/l
<b>SO2 Free / Total:</b>	30/100 ppm

### WINEMAKING

Wine made from grapes from the Rioja Alavesa area harvested and processed manually in Viña Real. The destemmed grapes were placed in stainless steel tanks where alcoholic fermentation takes place for 10-12 days with temperature control between 26-28 ° C. The wine after malolactic fermentation happens to French oak barrels where it remains and American 13 - 14 months. The wine is raked barrel while in every 5-6 months to encourage proper ripening and organoleptic evolution.

### VINTAGE / HARVEST DESCRIPTION

The 2012 harvest has been limited in the DOCa Rioja due to the drought that has characterized this vintage. The performance in the vineyard has been lower especially in rainfed areas and affected all varieties, especially the white grape, but this lack of rain has meant that the grapes arrive at the winery in excellent health getting very Mediterranean wines, aromatic and fruity In CVNE started on September 20 and ended on October 23, performing a slow and selective harvest

### TASTING NOTES

This wine shows shades of medium to deep shiny cherry colour on a purple background. To the nose, intense aromas of ripe fruits (blackberries, blackcurrants) stand out, complemented with subtle hints of oak. To the palate, it shows structured and round with a good integration of fruitiness and oakiness. The aftertaste is marked by very well balanced tannins as well as by persistent spicy, toasty and balsamic aromas. A long stay in bottle is the finishing touch to this Rioja Alavesa wine's character.



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