

Viña Real

GRAN RESERVA 2009

- 92 points Wine Spectator
- 94 points Parker. Wine Advocate
- 94 points VINOUS

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Name of Wine: VIÑA REAL GRAN RESERVA
Type of Wine: Red Wine
Region of Production: Rioja
Year: 2009
Vintage Rating: Very Good
Grape Varieties: 95% Tempranillo
5% Graciano

Bottle Type: Burgundy
Case / Bottle Size: Case of 6 bottles of 75 cl
Magnum 1.5l

Alcoholic Volume: 13,70 % Vol.
Total Acidity: 5,65 grsl
pH: 3,5
Volatile Acidity: 0,55 grsl
SO2 Free / Total: 35/100 ppm

WINEMAKING

Made with high quality grapes harvested by hand from our better plots in Rioja Alavesa. The fermentation takes place in stainless steel vats at controlled temperatures with a frequent dropping of the juice over the skins in order to maximise extraction. Malolactic Fermentation is carried out in French and American oak barrels, and then, the wine is manually raked to stabilise and get rid of deposits. After the cask ageing, the wine is clarified with white of egg to achieve the silkiness and shiny final colour. Once in bottle, the wine starts attaining its typical elegance.

VINTAGE / HARVEST DESCRIPTION

Vintage slightly ahead of previous years due to a very hot summer and little rainfall. However, the rains in mid-September (16-18) not only helped to solve the problems of water stress and regain some vineyards production expectations, but were critical to the final quality of the harvest. They balanced the alcoholic maturity and phenolic maturity, yielding a crop of very good quality.

TASTING NOTES

Of a deep and shiny ruby red colour with shades of garnet, this wine shows very intense and complex on the nose where hints of this wine's stay in oak stand out (coffee, spices, leather, toastiness) well integrated with stewed fruit and nuts. The first impressions on the palate are mellow, evolving towards a powerful and structured finish with a long aftertaste. Tannins show sweet, restrained and very well integrated in the wine's structure. It is a wine with a great ageing potential in bottle. Food pairing: Red meats, aged cheeses.



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