

## Viña Real Gran Reserva, Rioja

£28.95



<b>Vintage:</b>	2012
<b>Bottle Size:</b>	75cl
<b>Alcohol %:</b>	13.50%
<b>Country:</b>	Spain
<b>Description:</b>	A good colour, and meaty fruit, presented in a refined fashion, on the nose. Good weight and no shortage of style on the palate. Lots of good acidity, textured, with a spicy grip. There is even some evolving silkiness here, and certainly plenty of depth on the finish. Another very, very good wine with excellent potential.
<b>Cepages:</b>	Tempranillo
<b>Group:</b>	Spain
<b>Sub group:</b>	Rioja
<b>Colour:</b>	Red
<b>Closure:</b>	Cork
<b>Producer:</b>	
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.cvne.com">www.cvne.com</a>
<b>Organic/Bio Status:</b>	
<b>Food / cocktail match:</b>	This goes down a treat with slow roasted shoulder of lamb.
<b>Food / cocktail recipe:</b>	
<b>Press</b>	Bronze Medal Winner International Wine Challenge 2009
<b>Awards</b>	Bronze Medal Winner International Wine Challenge 2009
<b>Other Info:</b>	No examination of the old guard of Rioja would be complete without the inclusion of the Compañía Vinícola del Norte de España, more commonly known as CVNE. Founded in 1879 by two brothers, Eusebio and Raimundo Real de Asúa, the firm has remained in the hands of their descendants, currently in the fifth generation. The wines of this venerable bodega are popular, both on the home market and abroad, although it should be stressed that this is no family resting on its laurels. CVNE has long been an innovator in Rioja, the family readily embracing

advances such as estate-bottling and the extensive use of stainless steel, a material found in abundance in the three CVNE wineries. Eusebio and Raimundo established their new bodega near the railway station in Haro, where today many of the leading estates, such as Muga and Viña Tondonia, are to be found. CVNE maintains its presence in this historic part of town, but over the years the family have consolidated their position in Rioja with the development of two other winery sites; firstly the Viña Real site, an imposing, modern construction, and at the Contino estate, a traditional country house with 16th Century cellars. They also own sufficient vines to supply more than half of their needs, a remarkable level of vineyard ownership for Rioja.