

C.V.N.E. Imperial Rioja Reserva 2017



93 POINTS

One of Rioja's most well-known, oldest and largest bodegas, CVNE was founded in 1879 in Haro.

Today the property owns over 500 hectares of vines. Over the past decade the quality of these

traditionally made wines has been on a steady rise. Today I would count CVNE among the region's

top producers, up and down the range. The entry-level Cune bottlings deliver excellent value in

quantity. The top-end Imperial bottlings are made from a 28-hectare vineyard in Rioja Alta. These

wines have established an enviable track record for long aging. Bottles of the legendary 1968 Gran

Reserva are still going strong, with what seems to be years of life ahead. Both American and

French oak barrels are used here, with an emphasis on American.

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