

C.V.N.E. Contino Rioja Graciano 2018



94 POINTS

There is contained power in the 2018 Graciano, which reveals a restrained 13.47% alcohol with very high acidity, close to seven grams, and a very low pH (3.22), which means lots of freshness and citrus acidity in the wine. It has a lactic touch on the nose that talks about its youth and the need for some more time in bottle. There is a touch of austerity on the palate, combining the abundant tannins and the high acidity that make it a bit harsh. There is a touch of iron and blood, and it's varietal and long. The wine is very powerful anyway and is going to welcome some time in bottle. Nobody said Graciano was easy... 3,300 bottles were filled in June 2021.

- Luis Gutiérrez, July 2022



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