

# CRIANZA 2014

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Name of Wine: VIÑA REAL
Type of Wine: Crainza
Region of Production: Rioja
Year: 2014

Vintage Rating: Good Grape Varieties: 90% Tempranillo

10% Garnacha, Graciano and Mazuela

Bottle Type: Burgundy

Case / Bottle Size: C/6 and C/12 – 75 cl

C/12 – 37.5cl, Magnum 1.5l

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 Total Acidity:
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 pH:
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 Volatile Acidity:
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 SO2 Free / Total:
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### 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.

### **VINTAGE / HARVEST DESCRIPTION**

The 2014 harvest amount exceeds the previous two vintages.

During the year, the climatology was favourable resulting in a vegetative cycle that allows to expect a good vintage

Both the summer months and the harvest time have been marked by more rain than expected. Again preventive treatments performed in our vineyards, such as thinning clusters and leafless have allowed us to obtain a high quality grapes.

The optimum time to harvest began the 23rd September, when we started harvesting white grapes and continued with red grapes, until it was finished on 22nd October with good perspectives.

#### **TASTING NOTES**

This wine shows shades of medium to deep shiny cherry colour. To the nose, intense aromas of ripe fruits (blackberries, blackcurrants) stand out, complemented with subtle hints of oak, vanilla and spices aromas.

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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