Wonderful World of Wine

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Gary Parker Collection

2017 Conde Valdemar, Gran Reserva

Growing Region	Rioja, Spain
Varietal Composition	88% Tempranillo, 12% Garnacha, Graciano, Maturana Tinta
Fermentation	25-32 Months in Oak Barrels
Alcohol Content	14%
Suggested Retail	~~$65.00~~
WineSellar Club Price	**$49.49**

Broad Strokes: **95 Points, Jeb Dunnuck**

From the Winery: Since 1889, five generations of the Valdemar Family have produced some of the finest wines from Rioja. It was Joaquín Martínez Bujanda who started the company with 10 hectares of vines in Rioja Alavesa and over the years the estate has expanded to include some of the best vineyards across the region. Chosen as one of the 5 Best Wine Cellars of Rioja by Wine & Spirits magazine their Conde Valdemar range of wines.
Our father, Jesús Martínez Bujanda. has instilled in us his love for the land, his passion for great wines, but above all his pioneering and maverick character. This lifestyle has shown us not to take anything for granted and to always keep searching for the best method to produce better wines each day. The family generations have been leading the relentless search for new lands capable of enriching the diversity of its wines, as well as incorporating innovative initiatives such as the creation of the first barrel-fermented white wine or the recovery of grape varieties previously believed to be extinct, such as the Maturana grape.

Appearance:
The winery is obviously quite r[oud of this wine, which you can tell by the attention to detail and the overall richness, taste and money they have sunk into the label alone. Subtle, but really quite stunning.

Nose:
The aromatics on this wine are dramatic and gorgeous!!! We are getting ten years old aged fruit complexities with sophisticated oak treatment. Deep plum, dark cherry and raspberries, with clove, nutmeg, cinnamon.

Texture:
Medium in body, with a nice round, savory feel in the mouth. Still has a note of crispy acid firming up the fruit and providing excellent balance. Elegant.

Flavor:
The smooth plummy fruit is edged with dark cherry and a bit of earthiness. The spices, clove, nutmeg and cinnamon glide through the palate wheel complementing the sweet vanilla oak.

Serving Suggestions
This will cellar nicely through to and beyond 2030. Drop 6 bottles in the cellar!!!