

# 2017 Con Gracia Rioja

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## Bodegas Rioja Vega, Rioja, Spain



### **The Wine:**

100% Graciano, a varietal native to Rioja Spain but mostly used as blending varietal, this single vineyard, pure Graciano is a very unique and rare example of a Rioja red wine. The " El Pinche" Vineyard is the source for this wine. This small sustainably grown vineyard sitting at 1300 feet above sea level in the foothills of the Sierra de Codes Mountains is harvested by hand. The juice was fermented in stainless steel and then aged for 11 months in 50% new French oak. In 2017 there were 365 cases made (4400 bottles).

### **The Estate:**

Bodegas Rioja Vega was established back in 1882 making it one of Rioja's oldest wineries. The Vineyards sit between 1000-1300 feet above sea level in a slightly cooler sub region of Rioja near the town of Logrono. The original owners sold the winery in 2000 and the focus has shifted to small production wines from unique terriers to complement the larger, more traditional bottlings of classic Rioja wines. Winemaker Esperanza Elias makes the wines with a small team of consulting enologists.

### **Tasting Notes:**

**Color:** dark red with purple hues

**Aromas:** intense black fruits, leather, balsamic notes and spice

**Flavor & Texture:** blackberries, roasted cherry, hints of tobacco with round and evolved tannins

**Food Pairing:** grilled Prime Sirloin in a chimichurri sauce

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