



## MARQUÉS DE VARGAS

WINE:	Marqués de Vargas Reserva
TYPE:	Red Wine
DENOMINATION:	Rioja, DOPa
VINTAGE:	1998
GRAPE VARIETY:	Tempranillo, Mazuelo and Garnacha
COUNTRY:	Spain

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**The Winery:** This renowned 150 acre Rioja estate, adjacent to the Marqués de Murrieta property in the heart of the Ebro River valley, has been growing grapes in the vicinity of Logrono since 1840. The low yielding vineyards are maintained without addition of any artificial herbicides or pesticides and irrigation is not practiced. All of the Vargas wines are estate-bottled at the current bodega, which has been outfitted with the most modern technical vinification equipment in 1990, and only Reserva or Gran Reserva-level wines are made. Aged in new American, French and Russian oak barrels, these premium wines are always bottled unfiltered. The current Marqués is the fourth generation to own the bodega.

**Vinification:** This traditionally hand crafted estate-bottled wine ages for 23 months in American, French, and Russian oak followed by 1 year in bottle before release for sale.

**Press:** Decanter (1997 vintage), “Best Old World Red”: *“A wine of great depth and class.”*

International Wine Cellar, (1997 vintage), 87 points: *“Full, red ruby. Deep, rich aromas of plum, smoked meat and oak. Fat, rich and mouthfilling. Finishes with good length.”*

**Tasting Notes:** This wine is an intense garnet red. It has a sweet cedary, cinnamon-accented aroma, with ripe black fruit and vanilla and an intensely spicy finish. Silky and richly extracted, it has the capacity to age for another 5 to 7 years.



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