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C.V.N.E. stands for Compañia Vinicola del Norte de Espana (The Northern Spanish Wine Company) founded in 1879, but it is better known as Cune.

Cune Contino Graciano 2006 PLCB# 24987



The 2006 Contino Graciano (100%) spent 13 months in French and Hungarian oak. Dark ruby-colored, it has an exceptionally spicy bouquet along with sandalwood, graphite, damp earth, and black cherry. A bit tightly wound on the palate, its elegant personality is able to poke through along with plenty of layered, savory fruit. Give this well-balanced, lengthy wine another 5-7 years of cellaring and drink it from 2015 to 2026. 91 POINTS Parker

Cune Imperial Gran Reserva 1999 PLCB#18162



The 1999 Imperial Gran Reserva from a good vintage has a very expressive nose of Asian spices, balsamic, violets, and assorted black fruits. Elegant on the palate, it is a wine of finesse in combination with intense flavors and a lengthy, pure, silky finish. It will drink well for another 6-8 years. 94 POINTS Parker

Cune Reserva 2006 PLCB# 18164



Cune's 2006 Reserva is a blend of 80% Tempranillo with the balance Garnacha, Graciano, and Mazuelo aged for 2 years in French and American oak. Dark ruby-colored, it reveals an aromatic array of smoke, spice box, tobacco, black cherry, and blackberry. This is followed by a medium-bodied wine with plenty of savory, spicy fruit, a smooth texture, and enough ripe tannin to evolve for 3-4 years. This lengthy offering will provide prime drinking from 2013 to 2021. 89+ POINTS Parker

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Cune Vina Real Gran Reserva 2001 PLCB# 18169



The 2001 Gran Reserva is 95% Tempranillo and 5% Graciano barrel-fermented and aged for 3 years in French and American oak. 2001 was a great vintage in Rioja and is reflected in this superb effort. Dark ruby-colored, it exhibits an alluring bouquet (earth notes, background oak, Asian spices, a hint of balsamic, roasted herbs, lavender, black cherry, and blackberry) that is given added complexity from the extended bottle aging. Medium-bodied and elegant on the palate, it still has a bit of ripe tannin to resolve, plenty of spicy red and black fruits, impeccable balance, and 5-7 more years of aging potential. This classy Gran Reserva will have a drinking window extending from 2015 to 2031, and probably longer. 94+ POINTS Parker

Cune Contino Reserva 2005 PLCB# 18173



The 2005 Contino Reserva is made up of 85% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, and 5% Mazuelo and Garnacha aged for 2 years in a mix of new and seasoned French and American oak. Crimson-colored, it presents aromas of smoke, spice box, roses, leather, black cherry, and blackberry. Elegant on the palate in a slightly racy style, the fruit is balanced by lively acidity and the flavors are ripe and savory. This lengthy offering will continue to unwind for another 4-6 years and will deliver optimal drinking from 2015 to 2025. 91 POINTS Parker

Cune Contino Vina del Olivo 2007 PLCB# 18175



The 2007 Contino Vina del Olivo is deep purple-colored with a nose of balsamic, Asian spices, incense, and a cocktail of black fruits. Medium-bodied, savory, and smooth-textured, it will be an elegant version of Vina del Olivo when it hits its peak in a few years. It should drink well through 2022. 91 POINTS Parker

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Cune Imperial Reserva 2004 PLCB#18177



The 2004 Imperial Reserva is 85% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, and 5% Mazuelo aged in new French and American oak for 24 months. Deep crimson-colored, it gives up aromas of toast, spice box, espresso, blackberry, and plum. Medium to full-bodied, on the palate it displays a plush texture, ripe flavors, excellent volume and concentration, and a relatively forward personality. It will be approachable in 2-3 years and will offer prime drinking from 2013 to 2024. 91+ POINTS Parker

Cune Vine Real Reserva 2004 PLCB# 18178



Deep red. Spicy cherry, redcurrant, herbs, underbrush and smoky oak on the nose. Offers an attractive silky texture, noteworthy intensity and a light touch, with sweet red fruit and floral pastille flavors gaining power with air. Finishes with velvety tannins and very good mineral cut. This is more energetic than many Rioja's from this ripe Vintage. 91 POINTS Tanzer

Cune Monopole Blanco 2010 PLCB# 18165



Bright straw yellow with hints of green. Fine citrus and floral aromas, some grapefruit and orange blossom. Fine and elegant on the palate with ripe citrus and mango and a balanced acidity, creating a long fresh, appealing finish.