

Conde de los Andes Tempranillo

"Press Highlights"

2016

• 94 - SOMM JOURNAL, July 2024

" Chalky tannins are tempered by boysenberry-washed sandalwood, Mediterranean scrub, and black olive. Opulent and well-structured, with a tension that shows in its layered flavors and graceful aging abilities."

• 94, #32 of the Best 50 Wines of 2023 – VINEPAIR, November 2023

"Great balance between oak and fruit with a grippy edge."

• 93 – JAMES SUCKLING, June 8, 2022

"A bright, neoclassic Rioja with refined balsamic fruit, cocoa powder, savory tobacco leaf and a hint of cigar box. A medium-to full-bodied red with tight and chalky tannins and an excellent, layered finish..."

2015

• 91 – JAMES SUCKLING, August 2018

"Intense plum and smoke nose, then a rich palate with plenty of oak tannins supporting generous fruit. With slightly less oak and more length, this would rate even higher. Drink or hold."

• 92 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, September 2019

2013

• 92 – WINE ENTHUSIAST, April 2017

"Appealing modern-leaning aromas of root beer, berry fruits and vanilla settle with airing and turn more mellow and traditional for Rioja. Slightly plush on the palate, especially given 2013's cool nature, this is balanced despite showing raw tannins. Toasty blackened flavors of baked berry fruits, chocolate and licorice finish long, toasty and peppery."

• 92 – JAMES SUCKLING, December 2016

"A delicious Rioja with richness and balance. Lots of yellow apples and buttery and nutty notes. Vanilla, too. Very waxy. Full body and refreshing acidity that follows through to a long, oaky and buttery finish. Drink now."

• 92 - WINE ADVOCATE #226, August 2016

"The nose of the red 2013 Conde de los Andes seemed to follow the strictest classicism in its upbringing in American oak barrels, but when I looked it up, the technical data mentioned 100% French- with those balsamic touches and classical vanilla aromas. It has good freshness, an updated classic profile and mouthfeel, which should develop nicely in bottle and integrate the tannins that are still a little too present. A pleasant surprise...."