

IMPERIAL

GRAN RESERVA

2007

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- 90 points Wine Spectator
- 91 points Wine Enthusiast
- 93 points int. Wine Cellar. Stephen Tanzer

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Name of Wine: IMPERIAL GRAN RESERVA
Type of Wine: Tinto
Region of Production: Rioja
Year: 2007
Vintage Rating: Very Good
Grape Varieties: 85% Tempranillo,
10% Graciano and 5% Mazuelo.

Bottle Type: Bordeaux
Case / Bottle Size: C/6 – 75 cl, Magnum 1.5l

Alcoholic Volume: 13,56 % Vol.
Total Acidity: 5.31
pH: 3,6
Volatile Acidity: 0,75
SO2 Free / Total: 32/100
Int. Colour: 14,5

WINEMAKING

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VINTAGE / HARVEST DESCRIPTION

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TASTING NOTES

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