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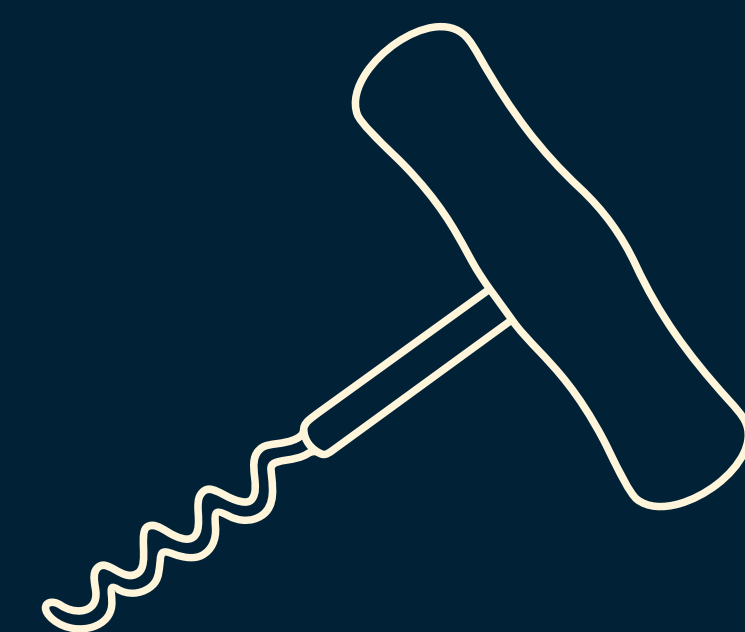
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*“If you don't know what's going on, or worse, if you think you do, decisions get made that shouldn't.” (The Newsroom, 2012-2014, Aaron Sorkin)*

## Reconditioning Old Bottles: Wine for Eternity

**Every winter since 2022, CVNE has carried out Eternam®, a project designed to preserve its heritage of historic vintages.**

Eternam® follows a carefully planned, stage-by-stage approach. In collaboration with the French company Michael Paetzold, a specialist in bottle reconditioning, CVNE inspects and catalogues old vintages of its Gran Reservas, including **Imperial, Corona and Viña Real**. Particular attention is paid to bottles whose corks have lost their seal over time, while the wine itself remains in excellent condition.

Each year, specific batches and vintages are selected for reconditioning in a meticulous process to which the team brings its full commitment and passion for preserving this invaluable legacy.

In an inert atmosphere, the bottles are cleaned, topped up with wine from the same vintage to compensate for natural ullage, and re-corked with high-quality closures. Throughout the process, traceability is maintained and the authenticity of each harvest is respected.

Over the course of around three weeks, a specialist team from Paetzold — working alongside CVNE staff led by María Larrea and Laura Ruiz, who continuously oversee the process — reconditions around 300 bottles a day, giving a future back to some 4,500 bottles per campaign.

Thanks to this work, CVNE's greatest vintages will remain alive, ready for future generations to **uncork a piece of history**.



## Oliver Weiss and Miguel Tienda: Key Figures in Galician Wine

This year has begun with excellent news for our Galician wineries. **Oliver Weiss, our Head of Viticulture, has been named “Viticulturist of the Year”** in the **Rías Baixas Report** by British Master of Wine Tim Atkin. Meanwhile, Miguel Tienda, director and winemaker at Virgen del Galir, has been recognised as “Winemaker of the Year” in the **Top 100 Galicia 2026 report**, compiled by wine expert and critic Beth Willard for Tim Atkin. The report highlights the best wines and wineries across Galicia, covering all Denominations of Origin except Rías Baixas.



Both Weiss and Tienda have been recognised for their outstanding work — Weiss leading the vineyards at La Val, and Tienda overseeing both management and winemaking at Virgen del Galir — each with a shared commitment to expressing a deep connection with their respective terroirs.

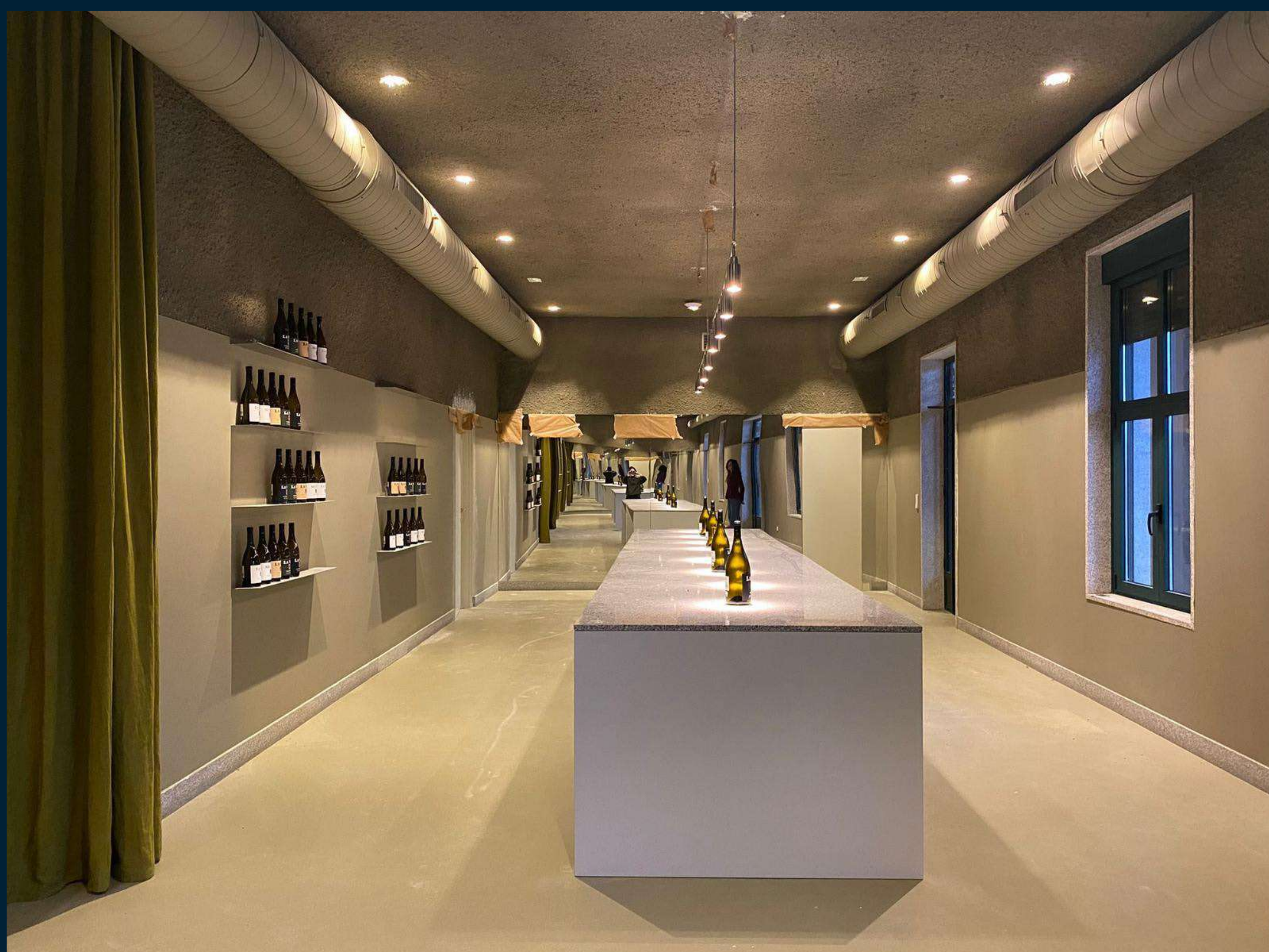
Weiss champions biodiversity in the vineyard and balance through regenerative viticulture practices, including soil management with grazing sheep and the installation of insect hotels. Tienda, for his part, highlights the work of the Virgen del Galir team in bringing the winery to what he describes as a particularly strong moment, adding that “the best is yet to come”, driven by a deeper understanding of the territory and its translation into distinctive, inimitable and excellent wines.

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## La Val Boosts Wine Tourism in Rías Baixas With Its New Wine Bar

La Val has launched its wine tourism offering in the Condado de Tea with an experience that brings together vineyard, wine and Galician gastronomy. Walks through the vines, tastings and local cuisine all revolve around a new wine bar, conceived as a space to discover the winery’s most representative wines, including La Val Albariño, La Val Condado and Gran Añada.

From the historic Arantei estate, the initiative aims to highlight the singular character of the territory while offering a fully immersive experience in the Atlantic landscape of Rías Baixas.

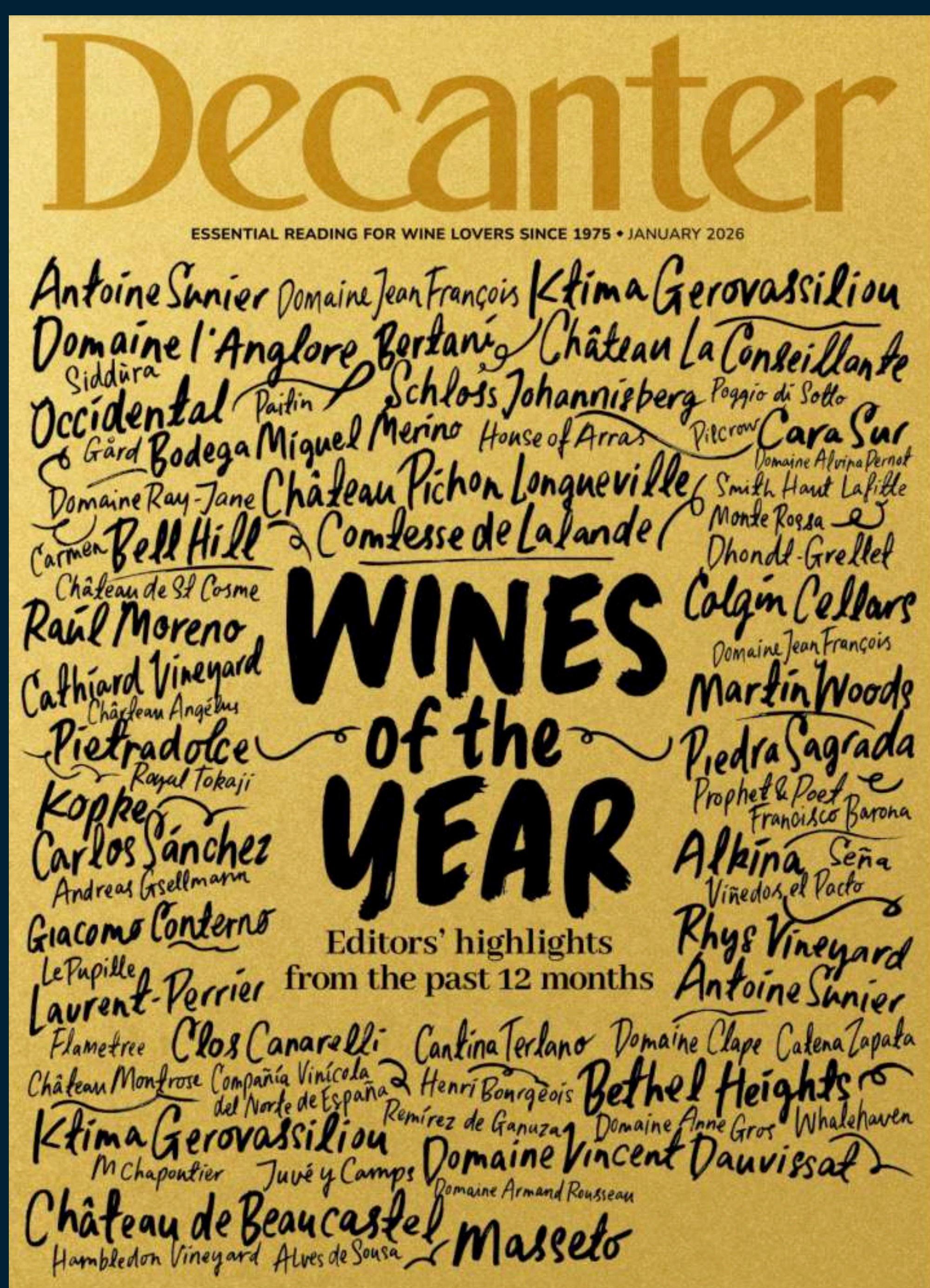


## Monopole Clásico Gran Reserva 2018 Named Decanter's Wine of the Year

Decanter's recognition of **Monopole Clásico Gran Reserva 2018** as "Wine of the Year" confirms the exceptional moment for this iconic CVNE wine.

A milestone that highlights its singular place within Rioja and its ability to reinterpret tradition through a contemporary lens.

[Discover the full story and Decanter's analysis here.](#)



## Back Among the Very Best: CVNE, the Top Rioja Winery in the World's Most Admired Wine Brands

This year, CVNE once again ranks among the world's ten most admired wine brands, according to the prestigious Drinks International list, standing alongside some of the most iconic names in global wine.

It also leads the ranking of Rioja wineries and climbs eight places compared to 2025, reaching number 9 on the list. Once again, CVNE is recognised for its respect for tradition, as well as the finesse and precision of its ageing — hallmarks that continue to define the house and underpin its status as an iconic brand.



## Virgen del Galir and Fire Wine: Working Towards More Resilient Landscapes in the Face of Wildfires

In recent weeks, Virgen del Galir has joined the Fire Wine project and become part of the **FIRE WINE RESILIENT LANDSCAPE** initiative, reinforcing its commitment to vineyard management practices designed to address the growing challenge of wildfires — both through prevention and post-fire recovery.

The Fire Wine network, operating at a European level, brings together wineries from across Spain, France, Italy and Portugal with the aim of sharing best practices and developing viticultural landscape models that respect biodiversity and enhance environmental resilience, while also contributing to the fight against climate change.

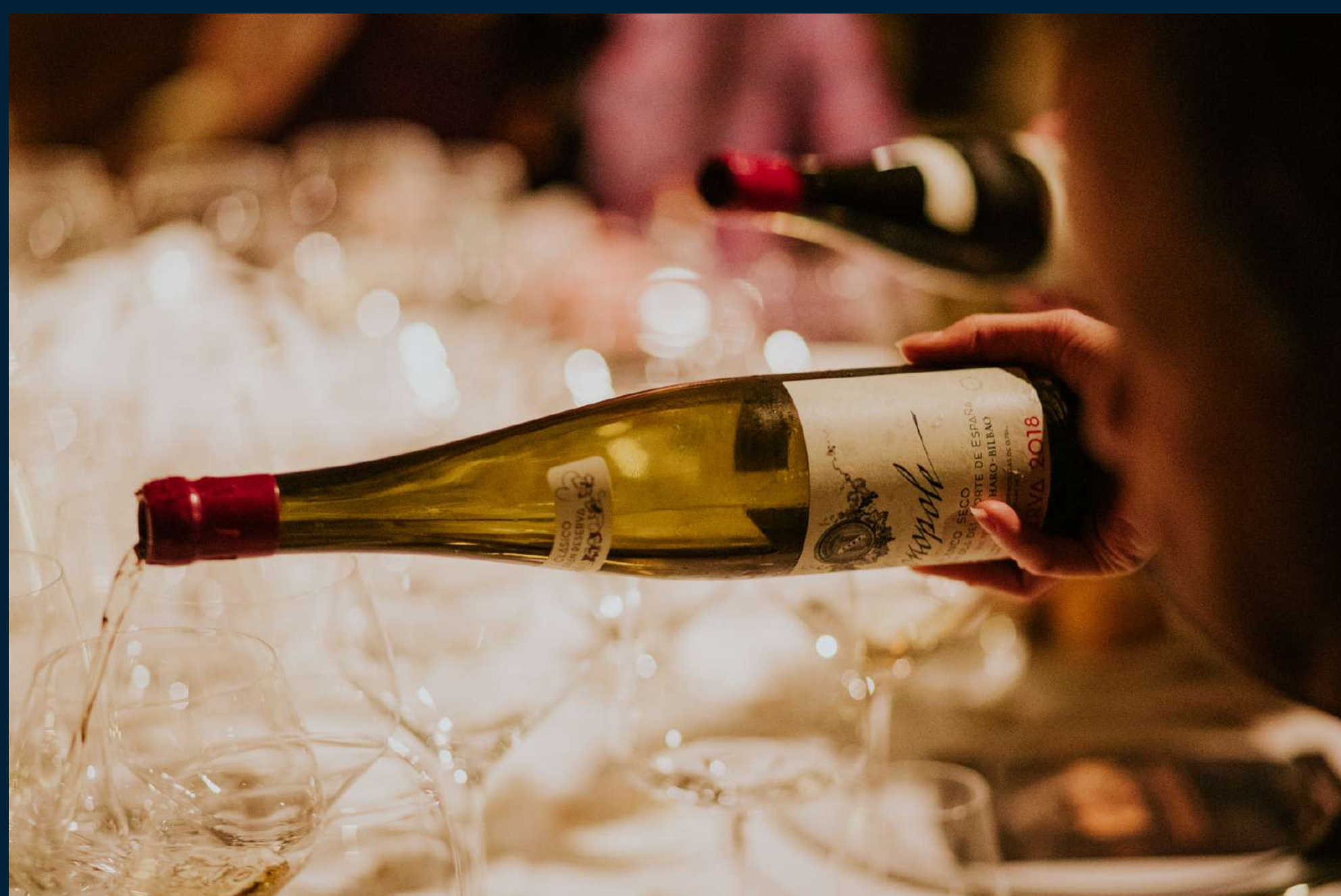
# CVNE Takes Centre Stage in Rioja's Centenary Celebrations

Last February, the Rioja DOCa Regulatory Council brought its centenary celebrations to a close with a landmark event held in the region. Under the title Centennial Celebration, the gathering brought together 70 leading wine professionals from around twenty countries, including the United States, Mexico, Canada, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Germany, China and Japan.

The programme featured a series of masterclasses led by renowned experts, including **Tribute to a Legacy**, a tasting that traced the history of the denomination through a selection of twelve key wines — among them **Imperial Gran Reserva 2001** and **Contino Viña del Olivo 2008**.

CVNE also played a prominent role at the gala dinner, where Monopole Clásico Gran Reserva 2018 was served alongside dishes created by five of the region's leading Michelin-starred chefs: El Portal de Echaurren, Venta Moncalvillo, Nublo, Íkaro and Ajonegro, who provided the culinary counterpart for more than one hundred guests.

The celebrations also included visits to selected wineries, with both Contino and CVNE in Haro opening their doors to visiting experts and showcasing their finest wines — a reminder that Rioja is living a historic moment and is ready to continue crafting great wines for the next hundred years.



× Life is a party ×

Roger Goulart  
& Victoria Colección



Finca Vallejo  
& Carla de La Lá

# And to finish...

John Jackson, Attorney Somm, travelled from Dallas to Haro to explore the town and its iconic Barrio de la Estación — stopping by our cellars and wine bar along the way.



[Watch it here](#), or scan to view it on your mobile.

Enjoy!

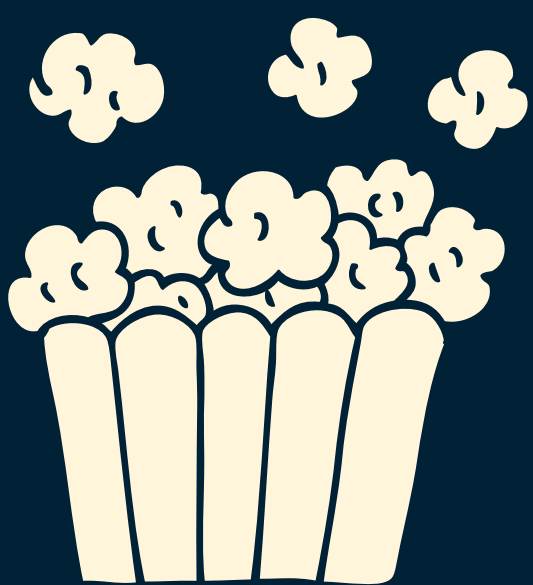
**A film to watch: *La guitarra flamenca de Yeraí Cortés***  
(Antón Álvarez, aka C. Tangana, 2024)  
— a documentary that moves between costumbrismo and magical realism, in which Álvarez lays bare the Alicante-born guitarist through music... and conversation over a glass of wine.

**A wine to uncork: Viña Real Rosado** — spring is here, and it should show... in the glass too.

**A track to listen to: *La Perla* by Rosalía** — the most-played heartbreak song from her latest album, *Lux*, with lyrics that match.



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Cheers!



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See you in the next issue of CVNE<sup>ws</sup>!