

Luxe Life

Bodegas Valdelana's Centvm Vitis

Now you can have your gold and drink it, too. Red wine has long been known for containing resveratrol, a strong antioxidant, but the addition of (FDA-approved) 23-karat gold flakes to your glass brings the antioxidant properties and health benefits to a whole new level. That's the special ingredient added to Rioja, Spain-based Bodegas Valdelana's Centvm Vitis Tempranillo, priced at \$250 a bottle. Served in luxe hotels such as the Burj Al Arab in Dubai, Centvm Vitis was rated the number one Crianza in September 2008 at the 15th Rioja DOC Wine Concourse, and tasters from the Spanish Sommelier Association stated that, surprisingly, the gold did not change either the mouthfeel or flavor of the wine. The unusual red, produced by Juan Jesus Valdelana, will be available in the U.S. in February 2009. *bodegasvaldelana.com*

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