

PURE RESILIENCE: ENRIC MAS WINS 2026 VUELTA A ESPAÑA ON CANYON AEROAD CFR



GRANADA, SPAIN — September 13, 2026: Movistar Team's Enric Mas etched his name into cycling history this afternoon, securing a career-first Grand Tour victory and first men's La Vuelta a España General Classification win for the Aeroad CFR.

Crossing the finish line of the 81st edition of La Vuelta beneath the shadow of Granada's iconic Alhambra after 21 stages and 3275 km of racing, the 31-year-old Mallorcan crowned his greatest achievement with a career-defining victory on a custom **Aeroad CFR race bike**, delivered freshly for the start of today's stage 21.



From the opening meters in Monaco through the high-altitude climbs of the Pyrenees and Andalusian summits, Mas conquered the race's punishing parcours, delivering a tactical masterclass that belied a string of oh-so-nearly moments in recent years.

He may have taken the jersey through good fortune on stage 8 – showing his class by respectfully opting not to wear the jersey on that evening's podium - but he truly seized the opportunity on stage 9, winning the mountainous stage to Alto de Aitana aboard his **Aeroad CFR**.

Sixth place on stage 12 further dented his rivals' chances before a storming individual time trial on stage 18 ensured Mas entered the final stages with a healthy 1m 37 lead. A resolute defence by his Movistar team ensured attacks and losses were minimised over the final stages, bringing Movistar and Canyon to their first Vuelta wins since Annemiek van Vleuten in 2023 and Nairo Quintana in 2016.

Engineering for Victory

While the Vuelta is historically decided on steep gradients, the 2026 course demanded bikes capable of balancing climbing performance with cutting-edge aerodynamic efficiency. For 19 out of the 21 stages, Canyon's Aeroad CFR gave Mas a huge competitive edge.

World-Class Power Transfer: With class-leading stiffness-to-weight, the Aeroad CFR is an aero bike that can climb, descend and sprint with the best, allowing Mas to excel on the brutal ramps of stage 9's Puerto de El Miserat or the relentless grind of stage 12's Alto de Velefique.



Aerodynamic Dominance: With every tube surface on the Aeroad being streamlined for speed, the Aeroad's minimized drag makes it the fastest bike in the pro peloton, proven in the wind tunnel and proven in the real world, allowing Mas to save crucial watts throughout three weeks of racing.



Race-winning robustness: With targeted tougher layups, extra durable hardware and premium long-life bearings, from sprints to cobbles to high mountain passes, the Aeroad is ready for the rigours of any race, season after season.





With two individual time trials (ITT) at La Vuelta 2026, Mas also relied on the pure speed of Canyon's **Speedmax CFR TT bike**. Built with hundreds of computational fluid dynamics tests, validation runs, and wind tunnel days, Canyon's engineers created a UCI compliant, Speedmax TT frame that made for maximising speed and minimising effort to meet the very highest standards of riders with their sights set on time trial glory.



Adding to the legacy of Canyon Grand Tour triumphs Mas' triumph marks the culmination of an extraordinary three-week campaign, cementing his status as Spain's premier Grand Tour contender, and also makes him one of the favourites for the upcoming Montreal Road World Championships at the end of the month.

The victory also adds another General Classification title to Canyon's heritage of professional racing excellence, now numbering three titles at Vuelta Espana and Vuelta Feminina, four titles at Tour de France and the Tour de France Femmes, and three titles at the Giro D'Italia and Giro Donne.

NOTES TO EDITORS

1. Enric Mas scored Canyon's first Vuelta win for the Aeroad CFR and second men's victory for Canyon at La Vuelta overall, a following Nairo Quintana's 2016 on Canyon's Ultimate CFR. Annemiek van Vleuten also won La Vuelta Femenina with Canyon in 2023.

About Canyon

What started in founder Roman Arnold's garage has grown into the world's leading direct-to-consumer bicycle manufacturer. Renowned as one of the most innovative brands in the industry, Canyon designs bikes for every discipline – from road, triathlon and gravel to mountain, city, trekking, and e-bikes.

Canyon partners with the finest athletes and teams on the planet, taking insights from the toughest race conditions to engineer bikes and components for the highest levels of the sport. The result: award-winning bikes that set the standard for performance, innovation, and engineering – built to deliver at the highest level on any terrain.

"Pure Cycling" is the mission driving Canyon to ignite a passion for cycling around the world thanks to a streamlined direct-to-consumer model, smart digital services, and Canyon Stores and service partners offering expert advice, community experiences, and full support. At the same time, Canyon is committed to responsible business practices, sustainable production, and the safety and well-being of employees, partners, and the environment.

Canyon bikes are available at canyon.com, through the Canyon app, and at selected Canyon Stores worldwide.

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