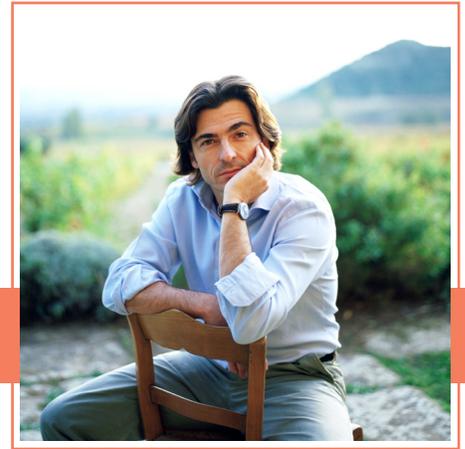




# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## BODEGAS LANZAGA

### EL VELADO 2018

**TELMO RODRIGUEZ - BODEGAS LANZAGA** || Compañía de Vinos Telmo Rodriguez was founded in 1994. Telmo - a self-professed “driving winemaker” - came to Rioja searching for the soul of the region, returning to the villages where a few special plots express themselves. Lanciego is a village in the foothills of the Sierra de Cantabria mountains, reflecting the contrasting contributions of the Mediterranean and the Atlantic influences. Native grape varieties, grown on the best soils and subject to the best viticulture are the philosophical tenets, allowing the wines to express their innate qualities thanks to simple, but scientifically-grounded winemaking.

**RIOJA** || Rioja was the first Spanish wine region to obtain DO status, in 1925. In 1991, it was promoted to DOCa (Qualified Designation of Origin), a higher category reserved for wines maintaining a proven consistency and quality over a long period of time. Rioja has three distinct subregions (Alavesa, Alta & Baja) as well as stylistic diversity ranging from the traditional oxidative wines to the full throttle modern style.

#### EL VELADO 2018 ||

**BLEND** | Mostly Garnacha and Tempranillo with some other old varieties, including white.

**VINEYARDS** | This eighty year old vineyard is on the most eastern part of Lanciego, facing mostly west and south with good exposure. It is just under a hectare in size (.93ha) with traditional bush vines on chalky clay at 610 meters altitude.

**WINEMAKING** | Hand picked with wild yeast primary fermentation in open oak casks followed by 15 months aging in 500L French oak.

**PRESS** | 94 WA

“The 2018 El Velado comes from a southeast-facing vineyard in the village of Lanciego that has a high proportion of Garnacho from Viñaspre as well as other varieties in a field blend where Tempranillo dominates. 2018 was a wet year that produced mildew in the vineyards and resulted in a late harvest (October 8th to November 1st). It fermented in an open-top 3,000-kilo oak vat with indigenous yeasts and matured in barriques and foudres for 14 to 16 months. This feels more balanced and fresher than other vintages, and the wine is quite fluid, a year of good yields and fine tannins. The grapes developed fully, as the cycle was long and the ripeness very good.” - Luis Gutierrez

