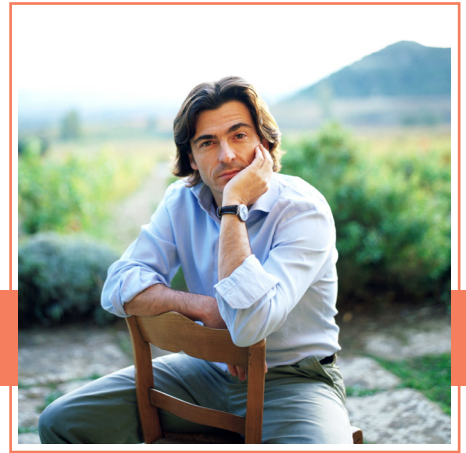




# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## BODEGAS LANZAGA

### LAS BEATAS 2015

**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. Lancialego 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.

#### LAS BEATAS 2015 ||

**BLEND** | Field blend of eight or nine local varieties

**VINEYARDS** | Las Beatas is a 1.9 hectare vineyard at the northwesternmost area of Rioja Alavesa. Ten levels of terraces facing east, south and northwest between 500 and 600 meters altitude.

**WINEMAKING** | Hand picked with wild yeast primary fermentation in open oak casks followed by 14 months aging in a single 1200 liter foudre.

**PRESS** | 100 WA

“It’s still very young and felt closed at first and took time to take off, but once it did there was no stopping it. It’s a wine that takes time to reveal itself in the glass, and I believe the evolution in bottle will also be very slow. This is a powerful vintage with pungent flavors, amazing intensity and great length. It combines power with elegance. There is great detail with floral aromas, nuanced and finessed, a wine that opens up and doesn’t stop changing in the glass. It has the elegance and freshness of the 2013, but it feels one step up in depth and complexity. The level of detail, precision and elegance here is really outstanding. This is truly a world-class wine.” - Luis Gutierrez

