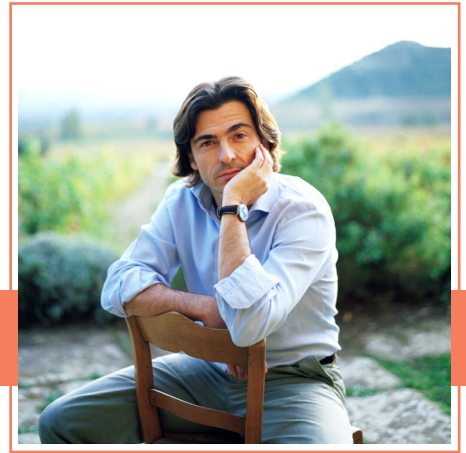




# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## BODEGAS LANZAGA

### TABUERNIGA 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. Lanciaiego 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.

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**BLEND** | Mostly Tempranillo with some Graciano, Mazuelo (Cariñena) and other varieties - up to ten different ones.

**VINEYARDS** | Located in the historic village of Labastida, Tabuérniga is a tiny 207 hectare vertical valley between 540-630 meters elevation with old, tight terraces. Traditional bush vines on limestone and clay soils.

**WINEMAKING** | Hand picked with wild yeast primary fermentation in open oak casks followed by 14 months aging in 1500L French oak foudre.

**PRESS** | 96 WA - 2014 vintage

“ This is closer in style to Las Beatas than the La Estrada or El Velado. Tabuérniga is elegant and all about finesse, with incredible balance. The palate, while also having that elegance, has the juiciness and weight of the old-time Riojas. The nose does not stop changing and developing more nuances, flowers and aromatic herbs, even if it’s not as expressive as Las Beatas. This is really a superb debut. I think this is going to be a very important wine in the Telmo Rodríguez portfolio, maybe even challenging Las Beatas! ” - Luis Gutierrez

