



# VALKYRIE

## SELECTIONS

REVIEWS  
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## BODEGAS RODA



### SELA 2021 || 91 points

“A modern Rioja, the 2021 Sela is 89% Tempranillo, 7% Garnacha and 4% Graciano sourced from Rioja. Aged 12 months in oak barrels, this purple wine offers a reductive nose with peas, herbs, cherries, violets and liqueur-like aromas against a minty backdrop. Dry, rich and velvety, the fairly taut and dry tannins lead to a chalky, lasting texture.”



### RESERVA 2020 || 92 points

“The 2020 Roda is 89% Tempranillo, 6% Garnacha and 5% Graciano sourced mostly in Haro, Rioja Alta. Aged 14 months in French oak barrels (50% new), this dark garnet wine unfolds with cherry, vanilla, wild herbs, balsamic and hints of caramel. Rich, plush and velvety, the palate offers mild, fine-grained tannins and lingers long on black fruit tones. This is a New World Rioja with a compact flow.”



### RODA I BLANCO 2020 || 93 points

“The 2020 Blanco Roda I is a blend of Viura, Malvasía Riojana, and Garnacha Blanca, sourced from old vines in Rioja Alta. Exhibiting a golden hue, the 2020 presents aromas characterized by wood-influenced and vermouth-like notes, complemented by hints of cola and vanilla. On the palate, it is dry, chalky and notably concentrated, with a vibrant and oily texture that contrasts with a lingering, rich and savory finish. Overall, this well-crafted Rioja white offers an oaky profile and a crowd-pleasing mouthfeel.”



### RODA I 2019 || 91 points

“The 2019 Roda I is 95% Tempranillo and 5% Graciano sourced from Haro in Rioja Alta. Aged 16 months in French oak barrels (50% new, 50% second use), this deep purple wine offers an intense oaky aroma. Notes of cherry and blackberry meet tutti-frutti, caramel, hard candy and sandalwood. Dry, rich and flavorful on the palate, this red offers a compact and juicy flow that lingers on the fruit—a delicate, rich Rioja.”



### CIRSION 2019 || 94 points

“The 2019 Cirsion is 88% Tempranillo and 12% Graciano sourced from several old-vine parcels in Rioja Alta. Following an aging process of eight months in new French oak barrels, this deep purple wine unveils an aromatic profile characterized by vanilla, elderberry, smoke and blackberry, all hovering over a solid oak foundation. Rich and velvety on the palate, the tannins impart a compact yet juicy texture, resulting in a lingering and flavorful experience. Cirsion represents a New World expression of Rioja with a classic touch, sure to satisfy a wide range of palates.”