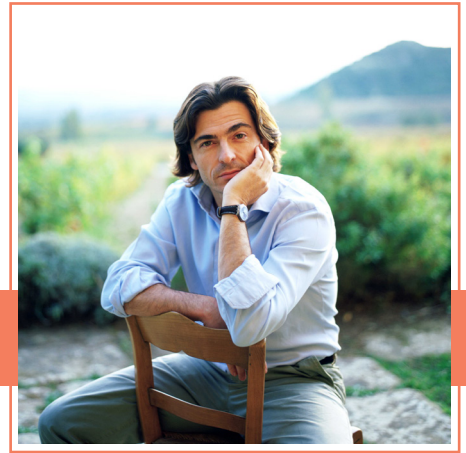




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SELECTIONS



BODEGAS LANZAGA

LA ESTRADA 2016

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. Laciago 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.

LA ESTRADA 2016 ||

BLEND | Mostly Tempranillo and Graciano with some different minority varieties like Garnacha, Granegro, Moristel and others.

VINEYARDS | La Estrada is a tiny .64 hectare vineyard in the highest part of Laciago on the western side of the village facing north east, on top of a pure slope of chalk clay at 610 meters altitude. Traditional bush vines dating back to the 1940s. This was formerly the core of Altos Lanzaga.

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

PRESS | 97 JS & 96 WA

“The 2016 La Estrada is from a northeast-facing 0.64-hectare plot, one of the highest vineyards in the village of Laciago, at 610 meters in altitude. This vineyard was planted in the 1940s on a shallow plateau with mostly Tempranillo with a little Graciano, and the altitude provides freshness and balance. The 2016 feels very harmonious and elegant, clearly above the 2015 I tasted next to it. There is more precision and finesse here, the finest bottling of this vineyard to date.” - Luis Gutierrez

