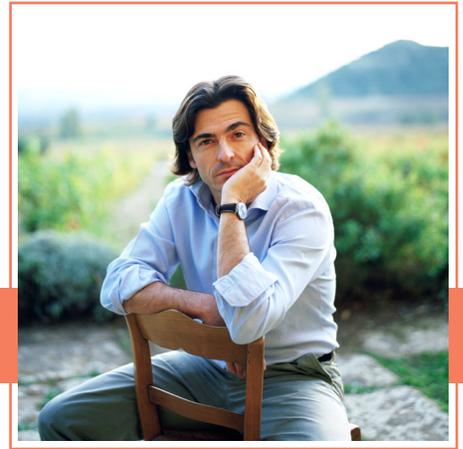




# VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS



## BODEGAS LANZAGA

### LAS BEATAS 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. 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 2016 ||

**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 in the historic Ollauri winery.

**PRESS** | 100 JS & 99 WA

“I was really anxious to taste the 2016 Las Beatas after the other-worldly 2015, where the field blend of eight or nine grape varieties produced 1,532 bottles from the 1.9 hectares of vines. The wine matured in a 1,200-liter oak foudre in a very cold cellar that provides a very slow evolution of the wine. It’s elegant, subtle and delicate, shy and slow to open up in the glass. The palate reveals great balance and very fine chalky tannins, with great purity and depth, and it’s -more insinuating than in-your-face, with energy and length. I kept the bottle and retasted it a few hours later, because I like to see how a wine like this evolves. It developed further nuance; it is a world class wine.” - Luis Gutierrez

