



# VALKYRIE SELECTIONS



## BODEGAS RODA



## CIRSION 2015

**RODA** || Bodegas Roda was founded in 1987 and is considered “the most modern of the traditionalists and the most traditional of the modernists.” Roda works with a total of 120 hectares - 70 owned by Roda and 50 by contracted growers - all bush vines; no irrigation; minimum intervention (no chemically synthesized products and use of cover crops). Their uncompromising commitment to quality is evident in the extensive research and development department and the state of the art gravity flow winery which includes the seventeen Seguin Moreau foudre for fermentation, radiant heat malolactic room and extensive aging cellar.

**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** | 86% Tempranillo and 14% Graciano

**VINEYARDS & WINEMAKING** | A natural rarity in specific clusters was identified in 1995 which led to Cirsion - a bunch by bunch selection of grapes from old vines which possess unique characteristics (polymerization of the tannins). One in one thousand bunches are chosen for fullness & volume - characteristics which were closer to actual vine tasting rather than grape-tasting. Roda eschews longer time in barrel for Cirsion and as such, the wine spends only 8 months in French oak.

**ALCOHOL** | 14.5%

**BAR CODE** | 8436538810491

**PRESS** | 95 WA

“It is a juicy, layered, hedonistic, spicy and voluptuous modern Rioja from a perfect year for ripeness and with some Mediterranean influence; it might challenge the phenomenal 2005. It’s very fruit-driven, heady, ripe, open, aromatic and intoxicating. This is very different from the rest of the wines in the portfolio, a lot more modern, juicy, chewy and, in the last couple of vintages, with the added freshness provided by the Graciano. They think this is a wine that will be long lived in bottle, but most of the bottles are drunk early on, when the profile is exuberant. One day I will have to do a Cirsion vertical...” - Luis Gutierrez

