



VALKYRIE

SELECTIONS

REVIEWS
VINOUS
APRIL 2026

BODEGAS RODA



SELA 2023 || 92 points

“Bright and red-toned from the outset, the 2023 Sela (95% Tempranillo, 5% Garnacha, Rioja Alta) was aged 12 months in second- and third-use French oak barriques and delivers intensity and clarity. On the nose, red fruit leads, layered with delicate herbs and a hint of rosehip. Clean and energetic on the palate, it has firm grip and vibrant juiciness driving it. Especially dynamic for Rioja Tempranillo, it feels more tensile and lively than 2022 or 2021, a profile clearly shaped by the vintage.”



RESERVA 2022 || 93 points

“A warmer expression defines the 2022 Roda (91% Tempranillo, 7% Garnacha, 2% Graciano), aged for 16 months in French oak, one-third new. Ripe plum and blackberry unfold alongside tobacco and assertive élevage notes, the oak neatly framing the aromatics. Dry and marked by elevated grip, its notably reactive tannins reflect the warm year, yet freshness and drive remain intact. A modern Rioja that will benefit from time to settle.”



RODA I BLANCO 2023 || 94 points

“Shaped by skin contact and fermentation in large oak vats, the 2023 Roda I Blanco (90% Viura, Rioja Alta) was aged in 500-liter oak. White flowers lead the nose, followed by dried grapefruit peel, field herbs and fine wood. On the palate, it is dry and enveloping, with lime, quince paste and peach adding depth. A subtle chalky texture and clear energy let it walk a compelling line between agility and creaminess, resolving the tension through layered flavor.”



RODA I 2021 || 95 points

“Showing the finesse of the vintage, the 2021 Roda I (92% Tempranillo, 5% Graciano, 3% Garnacha) was aged 16 months in French oak (one-third new). Ripe black plum, delicate violet and subtle blackberry lead the way, while hints of pennyroyal and lavender add lift. Rather than dominate, oak plays a structural role. On the palate, it is broad and polished, with fine-grained tannins and a lightly chalky sensation that captures the nuance of 2021 beautifully. Balanced and cellar-worthy, it should gain complexity in bottle.”



CIRSION 2022 || 96 points

“Selected from old vines, the 2022 Cirsion (Tempranillo with 11% Graciano, Rioja Alta) was aged in new French oak followed by additional maturation. Its nose expresses ripe black fruit, with blackberry foremost, alongside field herbs and damp earth nuances. Refined élevage. On the palate, it is intense and enveloping, with fine yet reactive tannins and powerful freshness on the finish, achieving the paradox of volume without heaviness. That balance carries a particular magic.”