



VALKYRIE

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BODEGAS RODA



SELA 2022 || 92 points

"The 2022 Sela comes from an early harvest after a very warm and dry summer, and the grapes had a shorter maturation cycle. It's 89% Tempranillo, 7% Garnacha and 4% Graciano from younger vines. The aim was to produce a more approachable red. This year, it has a deeper color, moderate 13.5% alcohol, a pH of 3.61 and 5.9 grams of acidity, possibly because of the blocking of some vines. It fermented with indigenous yeasts in oak vats and matured in used French barriques for 12 months. It has a creamy and spicy nose with notes of red and black fruit and a medium-bodied palate with good structure and abundant tannins, with grip and balance. It's very good for food."



RESERVA 2021 || 93+ points

"The 2021 Roda, the wine that was once called Roda II, with more red fruit than black and a more approachable profile, was produced with a blend of Tempranillo with 6% Garnacha and 5% Graciano in this cooler and very complete year. It has notes of aromatic herbs, wild berries and flowers, quite spicy and with a medium-bodied palate, contained ripeness and 14% alcohol, and the 2021 polished and round tannins make it very harmonious and long. The élevage was in 50/50 new and second-use French barriques and lasted 14 months. The oak is neatly integrated, and the wine shows young and clean."



RODA I BLANCO 2021 || 94 points

"The third vintage of their only white is the 2021 Roda I Blanco, produced with the grapes from the white vines planted in their old vineyards, usually at the beginning of the rows, mostly Viura with some Malvasia Riojana and Garnacha Blanca. It fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured in large oak barrels for 18 months. 2021 was a very complete year with a long cycle when the grapes ripened thoroughly but kept very good acidity. It has a golden color and a nuanced, expressive and clean nose with notes of pollen, yellow fruit, herbs and flowers, and it has a polished palate with pungent flavors that brought back memories from the traditional whites from Rioja with some spiciness and hints of mushrooms and old caves. It's ripe without excess at 14% alcohol, keeping very good freshness and acidity, denoted by a pH of 3.2 and six grams of tartaric acid per liter, giving it a round but vibrant mouthfeel. I found it delicious and ready to drink, but it should also develop nicely in bottle. It's their finest white to date."



RODA I 2020 || 94 points

"The flagship 2020 Roda I has a nose of black fruit and spices with hints of licorice and aromatic herbs, with depth and complexity, still very young and undeveloped. It's mostly Tempranillo and 8% Graciano fermented with indigenous yeasts and matured in French oak barrels, half of them new, for 16 months. It reveals a powerful nose with good ripeness, reaching 14.5% alcohol but keeping its poise with a good pH and acidity, coming through as medium to full-bodied with juicy berry fruit and abundant, slightly dusty tannins."



CIRSION 2021 || 96 points

"The modern icon 2021 Cirsion shows some toasty notes and an extroverted personality, aromatic, expressive and open, grabbing you by the throat with abundant notes of ripe black cherries and violets with generous spice, exuberant and with some echoes of carbonic maceration, like wines from the past. It has a medium to full-bodied palate with very fine tannins that make it textured, with a chalky mouthfeel that combines with the juiciness from the ripe fruit. This year, it has up to 14% Graciano (more than ever?) to complement the majority of Tempranillo, from selected vines that achieve a special ripeness. It has 14.5% alcohol and very good freshness and acidity, making it balanced. It combines power with elegance. The fact that it ages in 100% new barrels doesn't show in the aromatics or flavors. It's still very young and seems to be evolving at a slow pace. It's a very complete vintage for Cirsion."