

## Rioja Crianza 2015

### Rioja Alta, Rioja, Spain



#### PRODUCER

Founded in 1972, Bodegas LAN lies in the heart of Rioja Alta and boasts one of the most spectacular single-vineyard sites in the region: Viña Lanciano. The name LAN comes from the initials of the three provinces of the Rioja Designation of Origin: Logroño, Álava and Navarra. María Barúa has been the head winemaker and technical director since 2002, and brings both scientific expertise (with an academic background in chemistry in addition to her oenology degree) and local knowledge (having been born and raised in Rioja). Together with her young and energetic team, María focuses on using the latest advances in winemaking to 'express the virtues of the land'.

#### VINEYARDS

Grapes are selected from 30 to 40-year-old vines from Bodegas LAN's long-standing suppliers in the Rioja Alta and Rioja Alavesa subzones. Sloped plots of calcareous-clay soils with good drainage and sun exposure give grapes of excellent concentration.

#### VINTAGE

2015 was characterised by abundant rainfall in the winter and a hot summer, which brought the harvesting period forward. August was marked by more moderate temperatures and an excellent vegetative state with a moderate bud load - factors which endured until harvesting.

#### VINIFICATION

The destemmed grapes were lightly crushed and fermented in stainless steel tanks at a controlled temperature of 28°C. Maceration in contact with the grape skins lasted 15 days, with daily pumping over for maximum colour and aromatic extraction. The wine was aged for 14 months in hybrid barrels (American oak staves and French oak heads) followed by nine months of resting and rounding out in the bottle prior to release.

#### TASTING NOTES

This wine is intense cherry red in colour. Aromas of strawberry, raspberry and cranberries are framed by fine nuances of vanilla and toffee. Silky and structured on the palate, it has a long-lasting and satisfying finish.

Grape Varieties	<b>95% Tempranillo</b> <b>5% Mazuelo</b>
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Winemaker	<b>María Barúa</b>
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Closure	<b>Agglomerated Cork</b>
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ABV	<b>13.5%</b>
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Residual Sugar	<b>2g/L</b>
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Acidity	<b>5g/L</b>
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Wine pH	<b>3.67</b>
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Bottle Sizes	<b>75cl, 150cl</b>
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Notes	<b>Sustainable, Vegetarian, Vegan</b>
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