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Bodegas Launa 2011 Teos

Laguardia, Rioja

Red wine from Spain

Drinking window: 2018 - 2025

Vivid ruby. Powerful aromas of black raspberry, cherry compote and mocha, with slow-mounting Indian spice and vanilla nuances. Pliant, palate-staining red berry preserve flavors are sharpened and lifted by a mineral note, picking up sexy floral and spiced qualities as the wine opens in the glass. Gains weight and power with air, finishing extremely long, with a strong echo of raspberry and harmonious late-arriving tannins.

Josh Reynolds. Tasting date: September 2015

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Bodegas Launa

Grape/Blend

Tempranillo

Release price

\$70.00

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Bodegas Launa 2011 Selección Familiar Reserva

Laguardia, Rioja

Red wine from Spain

Drinking window: 2017 - 2023

Deep, bright red. Fresh cherry and raspberry on the nose, with candied rose, vanilla and allspice notes adding complexity. Juicy, concentrated red berry flavors show very good energy and delineation, with a deeper note of mocha emerging with air. Closes on an alluringly sweet note, with sneaky tannins folding smoothly into the wine's plush fruit. This wine was fermented in stainless steel tanks and spent two years in new French oak.

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Bodegas Launa

Grape/Blend

90% Tempranillo, 10% Graciano, Mazuelo

Release price

\$30.00

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Bodegas Launa 2012 Ikunus

Laguardia, Rioja

Red wine from Spain

Drinking window: 2019 - 2025

Brilliant ruby-red. Red berries, vanilla and potpourri on the highly perfumed nose, with a suave spicy oak note emerging with air. Silky and expansive on the palate, offering juicy raspberry and cherry-vanilla flavors and a touch of floral pastilles. The gently tannic, appealingly sweet finish leaves spicecake and berry liqueur notes behind. This wine went through malo and was aged for 18 months in new French oak barrels.

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Bodegas Launa

Grape/Blend

Tempranillo

Release price

\$40.00

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Bodegas Launa 2013 Selección Familiar Crianza

Laguardia, Rioja

Red wine from Spain

Drinking window: 2018 - 2023

Saturated ruby. Highly perfumed, complex scents of red berry preserves, spicecake and candied flowers, with a mineral nuance emerging slowly. Seamless, juicy and focused on the palate, offering deeply flavored but weightless raspberry and bitter cherry flavors that gain sweetness on the back half. In a suave, fragrant style, with a clinging finish featuring excellent clarity and silky tannins. Aged in second-use American oak barrels for 15 months.

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Bodegas Launa

Grape/Blend

Tempranillo

Release price

\$18.00

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Bodegas Launa 2013 Crianza

Laguardia, Rioja

Red wine from Spain

Drinking window: 2018 - 2023

Bright violet color. Smoke- and spice-accented red fruits, coconut and floral pastilles on the highly perfumed nose, with hints of cured tobacco and musky herbs adding complexity. Sweet and focused on the palate, offering sappy cherry and redcurrant flavors braced by a mineral undercurrent. The sappy, seamless, long finish features lingering red fruits and spices. This old-school Rioja was aged in second-use American oak barrels for 15 months.

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Bodegas Launa

Grape/Blend

90% Tempranillo, 10% Mazuelo

Release price

\$17.00

