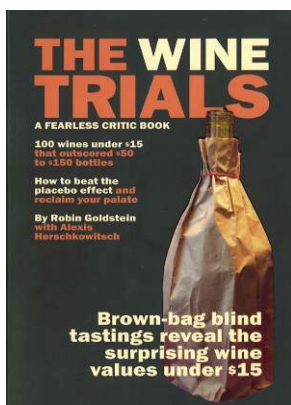


LAN CRIANZA

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1 LAN Rioja Crianza *winner*

Spain

- 2 Campo Viejo Rioja Crianza *editors' pick* Spain
- 3 Marqués de Cáceres Rioja Crianza Spain
- 4 Louis Latour Le Pinot Noir France
- 5 Cavit Merlot Italy
- 6 Santa Cristina (Antinori) Italy
- 7 Georges Duboeuf Beaujolais-Villages France
- 8 René Barbier Mediterranean Red Spain
- 9 Vin de Crete (Kourtaki) Greece
- 10 Pirovano Montepulciano d'Abruzzo Italy
- 11 Malenchini Chianti Italy
- 12 Mouton Cadet France

LAN Rioja Crianza

Bodegas LAN

Rank #1 of 39 light Old World reds under \$15 tasted
Country Spain Vintage tasted 2004

Grapes Tempranillo

Drink with lamb or vegetable tagine, grilled sausage

Website www.bodegaslan.com

\$12

WINNER



Rioja is the crusty old n European wine regions. We mean that in the very best sense: most Rioja producers haven't yet caved in to the "Parkerization" of wines as some other European producers are starting to do, even in Spain and France. Love it or hate it, you'll never forget a Rioja once you've had one: it's soft and modest at first, then earthy and evocative. It is the kind of wine that creeps up on you—in every sense: it's easy to go through several bottles, too.

Nose One taster was overtaken by nostalgia from the earthy, almost musty aromas. There's some cherry, too, and what one imaginative taster described as pumpkin bread.

Mouth Many of the same flavors are here that are in the nose, with the addition of some vanilla.

Design Distressed yellow paper creates a nice backdrop for the royal red text. It definitely looks dated, but then, so is the region, and we're not complaining.