



ERIC SOLOMON SELECTIONS

## RIOJA: PROMISING 2012, CHALLENGING 2013 & 2014

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### 2013 IZADI RIOJA BLANCO

The nose is quite serious and balanced showing moderate effect of the yeasts and oak, waxy aromas of apples, hints of honeycomb, fennel and licorice. The palate is quite fresh and surprisingly fruit-driven with good acidity and clean flavors. It's approachable and should also be able to age and improve in bottle for a few years. Quite impressed!

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### 2012 IZADI RIOJA RESERVA EL REGALO

...offers roasted aromas intermixed with notes of banana skin, black plums and cherries developing some floral notes that slowly emerge over the spicy tones. The palate is medium to full-bodied with plenty of dusty, slightly grainy tannins, good acidity and length.

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### 2010 ORBEN RIOJA

It is a modern, clean, concentrated, hedonistic and showy Rioja with aromas of plums, black cherries and plenty of spices and smoke. The palate is lush, medium to full-bodied with abundant but fine tannins that would require some hearty food. Very good example of modern Rioja.

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### 2012 ORBEN RIOJA MALPUESTO

... a dark, concentrated, powerful and fruit-driven red. It's sourced from a single vineyard planted with old Tempranillo vines fermented in stainless steel and matured in new French oak for 15 months...