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2012 Señorío de P. Peciña Red Wine Rioja (\$12) 88+

This wine displays an attractive nose of fresh red cherry with a light mint note. It has good balance on the palate with plenty of unadulterated red cherry and plum with just a note of underbrush. A pleasant and easy drinking wine.

2007 Señorío de P. Peciña Crianza Rioja (\$21) 89

Expressive bouquet of rich, toasted oak with a cola-tobacco edge. These are mirrored on a full, broad palate along with notes of wet earth and dark cherries, finishing with excellent length. Gentle tannins and ripe flavors make this wine ready to drink now.

2005 Señorío de P. Peciña Reserva Rioja (\$30) 88

The 2005 Reserva is nicely structured, showing a complex mélange of dark plum, toasted oak, and forest floor, finishing long with good extract. But it seems prematurely aged, lacking the vibrancy we had expected from our tastings of other Peciña wines. Bodegas

2001 Señorío de P. Peciña Gran Reserva Rioja (\$50) 90

The 2001 Gran Reserva is silky smooth with suave tannins. It reveals an interesting mix of fresh and dried fruit, mocha, and underbrush, finishing clean and long. It lacks the flavor intensity for further aging; drink now.

2001 Señorío de P. Peciña Vendimia Seleccionada Reserva Rioja (\$36) 91

Clearly our favorite of the Peciña portfolio, the Vendimia Seleccionada is surprising fresh aromatically and complex in flavor. It has a velvet soft texture with good intensity, revealing notes of red plum, herbs, and old leather, finishing on a firm, earthy note. Excellent.