

# Bodegas Hermanos Pecina

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**2013 Rioja** (\$13) Bright ruby. Intensely perfumed red berry and floral scents show very good purity, a hint of cracked pepper and sneaky spiciness. Silky and open-knit, offering intense raspberry and rose pastille flavors that put on weight with air. Clean, bright and nervy on the persistent finish, with the red fruit and floral notes echoing. Very suave for the money and approachable now. **90**

**2007 Rioja Crianza** (\$20) Brilliant ruby. Intensely perfumed scents of cherry, black raspberry, vanilla, white pepper and dried flowers. Juicy and appealingly sweet, offering lively dark berry and cherry compote flavors and a slow-building floral quality. The tangy finish shows very good clarity and mineral snap, with dusty tannins coming in late. Quite energetic for its age, with plenty of aging potential. **91**

**2007 Rioja Reserva** (\$28) Dark red. Heady, spice-tinged bouquet evokes fresh red berries, rose oil and Asian spices, with mineral and smoke flourishes in the background. Silky and precise on the palate, offering suave red fruit and floral pastille flavors that show a lacy, rather delicate character. Closes spicy and very long, with insinuating spiciness and smooth, harmonious tannins. There's something almost Burgundian going on here. **92**

**2006 Vendimia Seleccionada Rioja** (\$42) Dark red. Spicy red berry and cherry scents show very good clarity and notes of dried rose and minerals. Juicy and focused on the palate, offering nervy red fruit and floral pastille flavors and a touch of licorice. Closes spicy, gently tannic and very long, leaving a sexy raspberry liqueur note behind.

**92**

**2003 Rioja Gran Reserva** (\$42) Deep red. The nose displays an array of ripe berry and floral qualities, complicated by suggestions of woodsmoke, spicecake and licorice. Fleshy and broad yet lively, offering sweet raspberry and cherry-vanilla flavors that become spicier with aeration. More energetic than the vast majority of wines from this hot vintage, finishing with excellent clarity and no obvious tannins. **93**

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