

BODEGAS ALTANZA **2012 Lealtanza Reserva**

Tasting Notes

Complex and well-balanced bouquet; this wine has a well-layered nose of red raspberry and liquorice accompanied by smoky and spicy notes coming from the oak. It is supple and rich on the palate, with a meaty texture and lively fruit. A medium-bodied red wine with soft drying tannins and just enough acidity to make this wine very food friendly. Its ripeness and long finish will please many wine-lovers. It will gain complexity in the cellar.

Food Pairing: Lealtanza Reserva will enhance and complement a wide range of meaty soups, stews and roasts, as well as cured cheeses and delicatessen. Suggestion: braised beef cheeks in red wine sauce.

Technical Data

Varietal: 100% Tempranillo

Alcohol: 13.5%

Region: Rioja

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Bodegas Altanza Lealtanza Reserva 2012

Rated 97 & Platinum, Decanter Asia 2018

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Rated 91, Vic Harradine, winecurrent.com, August 26, 2018

"Savory, leafy herbs, spice and pipe tobacco aromas provide segue for a well-paced and deftly balanced, smooth, mellow surge of red currant and black plum on the palate while marrying well with sprigs of herbs and red licorice. This is medium bodied with oodles of pizzazz and glamour, and is drinking well now. Pour alongside prawn and chorizo paella."

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Rated 90, Andreas Larsson, BlindTasted.com

"Fine and developed ruby red with medium intensity. Complex nose with dried fruit, red berries, dry spices and tobacco with fine oak in the background. The palate has good grip and weight, nicely polished and layered with spicy notes of aniseed and liquorice, elegant fruit and finely spicy and long finish. Elegant and enjoyable today."

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Rated 89 & Recommended, Michael Vaughan, Vintage Assessment, September 2018

"Deep purple colour. Bright, fairly spicy, faintly earthy, warm ripe plumcherry nose with some licorice-cedar notes. Dry, medium-full bodied, well structured, slightly spicy, very bright, intense, gently complex, ripe crancherry-cassis-plum flavours with a lingering, gently cedary, high acid finish. Ready-to-drink."

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Rated 89, Tony Aspler , Vintage Assessment, September 2018

"A nose of sandalwood, plum and a note of undergrowth; medium-bodied, dry, red plum flavour with lively acidity and a firm tannic finish. Part of Benchmark Europe Feature

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Rated 89, Nathalie MacLean, September 1, 2018

"Lealtanza Reserva 2012 is a medium-full bodied Rioja red Tempranillo with crushed raspberry, smoky and spice aromas. On the palate, look for dried and ripe red fruits, cake spices, savoury notes wrapped up in soft smoke."

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