

Bodegas Medrano Irazu- DOC Rioja

2006 Crianza PLCB# 22955



Clear and bright, with a ruby red color and hints of blue in the upper layer. Aromas of ripe red fruits with vanilla and hazelnut notes. Smooth on the attack, ripe red fruits continuing on the palate with velvety tannins.

2004 Reserva PLCB# 22956 (2001 VINTAGE PLCB# 26060)



Deep, vivid ruby. A complex bouquet displays scents of red and black currant, smoked meat, mineral and dried rose. A sweet, juicy midweight with strong red berry flavors and hints of leather and succulent herbs. As classic a Rioja as the Luis Medrano is newfangled, offering very good finishing lift, cut and sweetness. 90 POINTS Tanzer.

2008 Blanco PLCB# 22954



Pale yellow gold with greenish iridescence and yellow and gold hints. Fresh and intense on the nose, with touches of white flowers, orange blossom and hints of honey. Finishes with a hint of Muscatel-like nuances. Bright, crisp and clean. Well-balanced acidity provides a lengthy finish with hints of honey and citrus notes.

2007 Luis Medrano PLCB# 22953



*Inky ruby. Powerful, smoky aromas of cherry-vanilla, black fruit preserves and cola. Oak-driven blackberry and boysenberry flavors provide serious, sweet palate coverage and are framed by chewy tannins. The finish repeats the dark fruit and cola notes and clings endlessly. Impressive for its power, extract, sweetness and size, but I'd have a hard time guessing that this was from Rioja. Knock my score down a couple of points if you really hate oak. 90 POINTS
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