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Today's Featured Wine

Beronia, Rioja (Spain) Gran Reserva 2001 (\$25, San Francisco Wine Exchange)

The current releases from this bodega are all quite good and are all quite fairly priced. 2001 was a terrific vintage, and this wine shows it, and it is impressive that the fruit remains fresh and also capable of counterbalancing a major dose of smoky, spicy oak. The balance really works, and by that I mean not only the balance between fruit and oak, but also the balance between a traditional and modern style of Rioja. This is a very strong value as well. **91** [Michael Franz](#)