

mountainous backdrop, the bodega rises as a rolling, pixelated art installation among the endless rows of grapes.

All this artistic expression has found its way into La Rioja's kitchens as well. In Ezcaray, classic and contemporary cuisines are literally served side by side at Echaurren, the region's most famous restaurant. Fourth-generation Chef Marisa Sánchez whips up standard dishes such as blood sausage with red peppers in the main room, while right next door at El Portal, her son Francis Paniego has garnered La Rioja with its only Michelin star for his new wave take on the traditional tasting menu.

Ready to make your pilgrimage to La Rioja? Contact us for a vacation tailor-made to fit your tastes!

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OPPOSITE: Bodegas Ysios rises among the vines. CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Gehry's freeform hotel, Marqués de Riscal, in Elciego; the underground cellars of El Fabulista La Guardia; the famous Guggenheim Museum in Bilbao.

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