

Angel de Arrocal 2010



Winery: Bodegas Arrocal

Region: Ribera del Duero D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tinto Fino

Winery: Located in Gumiel de Mercado a small village in the western portion of the Ribera del Duero D.O., the winery produced its first wine in 2001. The vineyards were planted by the owners and a new winery was built and utilized for the 2005 vintage. The young estate vines are trained espalier in a Smart system and are drip irrigated.

With the completion of the new winery, all movement of wine through the winery takes place by gravity to minimize rough handling and to help obtain a wine with a silky mouthfeel.

Fruit expression is maximized through temperature controlled fermentations, excluding extended maceration and gentle pressing in low capacity basket presses.

Wine: Produced from the 70 year old, “El Portillo” vineyard planted by the owner’s grandfather, Angel. Grapes were grown organically (not certified) and yielded less than 1 ton per acre. The grapes were hand harvested and vinified with native yeasts in 3,000 liter stainless steel tank. The wine spent 20 days on the skins prior to pressing. Press fractions were aged separately. All lots underwent malo-lactic fermentation in oak barrel. The wine spent 20 months in new French oak barrels.

Reviews:

“Bright purple. Sexy, highly perfumed scents of boysenberry, vanilla, Indian spices and mocha are lifted by a zesty mineral quality. Smooth, expansive and appealingly sweet, conveying a light touch to its ripe dark berry and floral pastille flavors. Dusty, slow-building tannins add focus to the long, juicy, floral finish. An hour or so of air makes this sexy wine very approachable.”

92 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 176 Sept/Oct 2014

“The ripe fruit flavors of black cherry, plum and pomegranate remain crisp and focused in this polished red, accented with toast and mineral notes. Firm tannins provide a solid structure, but yield to a floral finish. Drink now through 2025.”

91 points *Wine Spectator* issue 3908 October 2014



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