

Arrocal 2015 (red)



Winery: Bodegas Arrocal

Region: Ribera del Duero D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tempranillo

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: This wine is produced from grapes grown in the Morenillos, 20 years old on sand, clay and stones, and the Barrancones, 22 year old vines on sand and clay, vineyards. Grapes were harvested by hand during the first week of October with excellent maturity. Once grapes arrived at the winery all movements of must/wine were by gravity. Grapes were de-stemmed but not crushed prior to fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The skins were macerated for 20 days prior to pressing. The wine was racked to 80% French and 20% American oak barrels for 6 months aging. Bottled without filtration after a gentle egg-white fining.

Reviews:

“offers up a fine, youthful bouquet of black cherries, dark berries, a touch of cigar smoke, a fine base of soil and a discreet touch of cedary new wood. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and still tightly-knit, with promising elegance out of the blocks, a good core, moderate tannins and a long, primary and well-balanced finish. This deserves a couple of years in the cellar at the least, but it is going to be really an excellent wine for its price point...and should age very nicely indeed. ”

90 points *View from the Cellar January/February 2017*



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