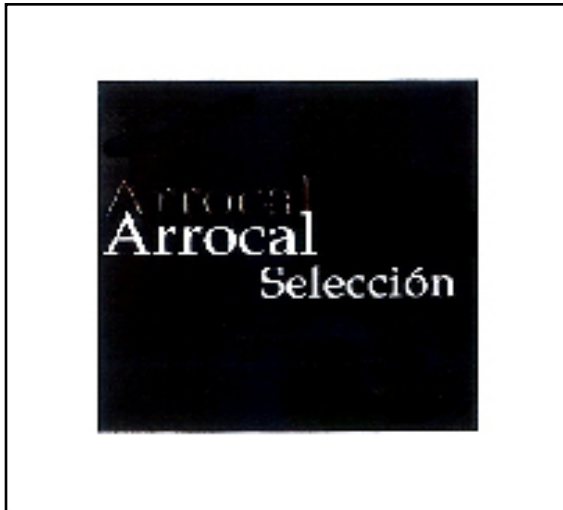


Arrocal Selección 2012



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.

Wine: Grapes for this wine were sourced from 40 year old estate "Astrales" vineyard and were hand harvested during the first week of October. Prior to processing the grapes were cluster sorted. The grapes are de-stemmed but not crushed, macerated for 20 days in temperature controlled tanks followed by aging in 100% French oak barrels for 15 months. Bottled without filtration after a gentle egg-white fining.

Reviews: "Vivid ruby-red. Fresh, spicy nose displays energetic red and dark berry aromas with subtle floral and anise accents. Sweet and focused in the mouth, offering juicy black raspberry and floral pastille flavors and a jolt of white pepper. Finishes silky, gently sweet and quite long, with repeating spiciness and a touch of bitter chocolate."

91 points *Vinous* Central Spain: Tempranillo and Beyond December 2015

"Herbal, leafy and light earthy notes frame bright cherry and berry flavors in this lively red. Features light, firm tannins and fresh acidity. Straightforward, balanced and energetic." **89 points** *Wine Spectator* September, 2016



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