

# Arrocal Passion 2017 (Red Wine)



*Tempranillo*  
RIBERA DEL DUERO  
Denominación de Origen  
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Bodegas Arrocal is located in Gumiel de Mercado a small village in the “golden triangle” of Ribera del Duero. The vineyards were planted by the Moises Calvo and Rosa Arroyo and the winery produced its first wine in 2001. A new winery was built and utilized for the 2005 vintage. The new winery moves all grapes using gravity to minimize rough handling and to help obtain a wine with a silky mouthfeel. Fruit expression is maximized through temperature controlled fermentations, keeping maceration times short and gentle pressing in low capacity basket presses.

<b>Appellation</b>	Ribera del Duero D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tinto Fino, from the single, 25-year old Los Corrales vineyard
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	800 meters / clay soils with pebbles and larger stones
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested fruit
<b>Production</b>	Destemmed grapes were fermented with native microbes in stainless steel tanks for 20 days with skins
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 12 months in used French oak barrels
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack</b>	8437005780309 / / 6

## Reviews:

“The Passi3n Arrocal cuv3e is made entirely from tempranillo, with the vines now forty five years of age. It is not raised in any new barrels, as its elevage is done in a fifty-fifty mix of two and three year-old French barrels. The 2017 Passi3n Arrocal comes in at 14.5 percent octane and offers up a superb bouquet of plums, black cherries, dark chocolate, a touch of cigar wrapper and just a bit of nutty oak from the used casks. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, focused and beautifully balanced, with a lovely core, good soil signature and a long, ripely tannic and nascently complex finish. This will be an excellent bottle with a few years’ worth of cellaring, but it will probably take a full decade for it to blossom completely and hit its plateau. This is a great value! 2025-2050.”

**91+ points** *View from the Cellar*; Issue # 85 – January/February 2020

“Shimmering ruby. Vibrant, smoke-tinged cherry, black raspberry and floral pastille aromas are complemented by suggestions of candied licorice and vanilla. Sweet and expansive on the palate, offering nicely concentrated blueberry and cherry-vanilla flavors that become livelier with aeration. Closes sappy, smooth and very long, with supple tannins coming in late. 80% French and 20% American oak, all used. 2023 – 2032.”

**92 points** *Vinous*; Josh Raynolds – February 2021

