

Arrocal Seleccion 2014 (Red Wine)

A black square logo with the text "Arrocal 2014 Selección" in white serif font.

Arrocal was founded by third generation winegrowers, Moises Calvo and Rosa Arroyo in 2002. They have been joined by the fourth generation with the addition of their two sons Rodrigo and Asier. The winery is located in Gumiel de Mercado a small village in the western portion of the Ribera del Duero D.O. Some of their vineyards were planted by their parents while the youngest vines have been planted by their sons. A new winery was built and utilized for the 2005 vintage.

With the completion of the new winery, all movement of wine through the winery takes place by gravity to minimize rough handling and maximize fruit expression and finesse in texture of finished wine. Fruit expression is maximized through temperature controlled fermentations, utilizing short macerations and gentle pressing in low capacity basket press.

Appellation	Ribera del Duero D.O.
Grapes	100% Tinto Fino, from the single, <i>Astrales</i> vineyard planted in 1985
Altitude / Soil	825 meters / limestone derived clay
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested fruit, hand sorted at the winery prior to processing
Production	Fermented with native microbes for 20 days in small stainless tanks
Aging	Aged for 15 months in new, 90% French and 10% American oak barrels
UPC / SCC / Pack	8437005780019 / 8437005780040 / 6

Reviews:

“Arrocal is a terrific bodega that turns out amazing Tempranillo (or Tinto Fino, as it is known locally) at multiple price levels in every vintage (not almost every vintage; every vintage). I tasted through the entire lineup last summer, and have several reviews to publish soon, but this one deserves some press right now...after turning in the performance of the night at a blind tasting class of 12 wines from 12 countries a couple of weeks ago. Although there were two incredible whites and a 13 year-old, \$130 Napa Cab also in the lineup, this was the standout on account of impeccable purity and virtually perfect balance between fruit, acidity, wood and tannin. It is so seamless and so obviously delicious that, when tasting it, you would never actually think of ‘fruit, acidity, wood and tannin.’ Only in retrospect might you reflect on those component parts, as the whole is so compellingly greater than the sum of those parts.”

94 points *Wine Review Online*; October 29, 2019

“The 2014 is an even fourteen percent alcohol and offers up a youthfully complex bouquet of black cherries, cassis, cigar smoke, a fine base of soil tones, graphite and spicy new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied, focused and well-stocked at the core, with fine soil signature, impressive focus and blossoming complexity and very good length and grip on the inherently elegant, moderately chewy finish...There is a lot of oak spice on the nose and a bit of presently uncovered wood tannins on the finish...There is such indisputable greatness lying under the wood veneer here that it would be worth a bit of prevarication, and one can always go to confession more often! 2022-2050+.”

88-90+ points *View from the Cellar*; February 2017

