

Máximo de Arrocal 2014



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.

Wine: Sourced from a single parcel of grapes called El Portillo which was planted by Moises's grandfather 70 years ago. The plot is only 4.5 acres which yielded less than one ton per acre in 2006. The name Maximo has a history for the family as it is the name of Rosa's (wife of Moises) father, who both loves wine and helped the couple in the vineyards and with building the winery.

Winemaker Isaac Fernandez selected 100% new French Radoux Blend with medium plus toast for the first aging of the wine, after 12 months in oak the wine was racked to 100% brand new Radoux blend barrels for an additional 14 months of aging. The final blend was assembled from the very best 4 barrels and then bottled unfiltered.

Reviews: "The bouquet is deep, complex and very refined, wafting from the glass in a mix of black cherries, plums, raw cocoa, a nice touch of Cuban cigar wrapper, a lovely dollop of soil tones and a really well done framing of spicy and nutty French oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and elegant, with lovely complexity, excellent depth at the core, well-measured tannins and excellent length and grip on the very well-balanced finish."

94+ points *View from the Cellar*; Issue #75 - May/June 2018

"The top of the range, the 2014 Máximo is an homage to the first generation and is produced with grapes from half a hectare of El Portillo vineyard, one of the oldest vineyards in the village. There are ripe berries, spices and a full-bodied palate with tannins and concentration and an earthy, dusty finish."

91 points *The Wine Advocate*; Issue #283 - August 2018



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