

Arrocal Maximo 2015 (Red Wine)



This winery was founded by third generation winegrowers, Moises Calvo and Rosa Arroyo in 2002. In that wet and rainy vintage, a winery backed out of a contract to purchase their fruit. So, they harvested the fruit, thinned every bunch by hand (lots of botrytis) and borrowed a tank to produce their first wine. The original idea was to sell the wine in bulk, but they ended up bottling it and selling it under their own label; Arrocal. 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.

Appellation	Ribera del Duero D.O.
Grapes	100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo), from the single, 85 year old El Portillo vineyard
Altitude / Soil	850 meters / Lime rich calcareous clay
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested from the small 4.5 hectare vineyard into small boxes
Production	After cluster sorting the grapes are destemmed and lightly crushed, fermentation with native yeasts in temperature controlled SS
Aging	Aged for 26 months in French Radoux blend oak barrels, 100% new
UPC / SCC / Pack	8437005780002 / / 6

Reviews:

"As I have noted in the past Bodegas Arrocal's Máximo bottling is their top of the line cuvée, made from seventy-five year-old vines in a prime section of the El Portillo Vineyard in the village of Gumiel de Mercado, which is one of the highest elevation villages in Ribera del Duero and hence, has good diurnal temperature swings to keep freshness in the wine in the hot summers here. The 2015 Máximo is a touch riper than the Ángel, coming in at 14.5 percent alcohol and delivering fine aromatic sophistication in its blend of red plums, black cherries, cocoa powder, cloves, cigar wrapper, a fine base of soil tones and a suave base of nutty new oak. On the palate the wine is deep, pure and full, with lovely focus and grip, a very good core of fruit, good soil signature and a long, ripely tannic and gently warm finish. The balance here is very good and I have no doubts the wine will age long and gracefully, but it would have been ideal to see it come in a half degree lower in octane, so that the backend of the palate was as pure as the attack. But, in this twisted world of global warming, this is really a beautiful bottle from a warmer region in a world aflame. 2028-2060."

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

"Vivid ruby-red. An explosively perfumed bouquet evokes fresh red and blue fruits, cherry liqueur, candied flowers and spicecake, and incense and vanilla notes build in the glass. Stains the palate with sappy, densely packed boysenberry and cherry-vanilla flavors that show a suave seamless texture and a jolt of energizing acidity. The floral note repeats emphatically on a strikingly long, smooth, subtly tannic finish that shows wonderful detail. Raised in new French oak barrels for 26 months. 2022 – 2032."

94 points *Vinous*; Josh Reynolds - February 2021

