

# Arrocal Selección Especial 2020 (Red Wine)

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**ARROCAL**

*Selección Especial*  
TINTO FINO 2020  
of Merza in Merza

ESTABLECIDA en la provincia de Burgos, España. Toda esta producción está  
en el área de Denominación de Origen y vino de alta calidad  
proveniente de Merza y el Duero.

RIBERA DEL DUERO  
DENOMINACIÓN DE ORIGEN  
*Provincia de España*

Located in Gumiel del Mercado, in the province of Burgos, our wines are made exclusively from our grapes from soils combined with limestone, sand, clay, and gravel at an altitude of 830m. We have 123 acres of vineyards, the most widespread red variety is “Tinta fina” or “Tempranillo”, with approximately 111 acres. Cabernet Sauvignon has 4 acres, Merlot has 2 acres and “Albillo” (white variety) has 4 acres.

In 2003, the construction of our winery was completed. A space equipped with the latest technology, but above all was designed to respect our treasure: our grapes. All processing work is done by gravity, minimizing the damage to the raw material. The main objective is to follow sustainable viticulture, a true reflection of quality wines.

<b>Appellation</b>	D.O. Ribera del Duero
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tempranillo, from the single, 40-year-old Astrales vineyard
<b>Altitude / Soil</b>	825 meters / alluvial sand, clay and pebbles
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Practicing Organic
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested fruit, hand sorted at the winery prior to processing
<b>Production</b>	Fermented with native microbes for 20 days in small stainless tanks
<b>Aging</b>	Aged for 15 months in French oak barrels; 50% new
<b>UPC / SCC / Pack Size</b>	8437005780019 / 8-437005780040 / 6

## Reviews:

“The 2020 Selección Especial from Bodegas Arrocal is a touch riper than the Crianza bottling this year, tipping the scales at 14.5 percent octane. The vines for this cuvée are fully forty- five years of age, farmed organically again, and the wine is raised in fifty percent new oak for eighteen months prior to bottling. Despite the slightly higher octane, the wine is beautifully precise on the nose, offering up a fine blend of plums, red and black cherries, Cuban cigar, a lovely array of spice tones that include a nice touch of savory elements, a fine base of soil and a very refined framing of cedary French oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and quite elegant in profile, with excellent mid-palate depth, good soil signature, ripe, chewy tannins and excellent focus on the long, well-balanced and complex finish. This is another excellent wine, but it has some wood tannins to absorb and will need a solid decade in the cellar to soften up. It will be outstanding once it is ready to drink. 2033-2080.” **93 points View from the Cellar**; John Gilman -Issue #103 January/February 2023.

“Fragrant, with notes of eucalyptus, orange peel and myrrh, this spiced red is medium- to full-bodied and enlivened by balsamico acidity. This wine’s aromatic overtones accent flavors of steeped black raspberry and blackberry paste through to the lightly chewy finish. Drink now through 2028. 1,250 cases made, 500 cases imported.” **91 points Wine Spectator**; Alison Napjus – Issue July 31, 2023

