

Arrocal Passion 2015



Winery: Bodegas Arrocal

Region: Ribera del Duero D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tinto Fino

Winery: 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.

Wine: This wine is produced from grapes grown in the 25-year old Los Corrales vineyard. Grapes were harvested by hand during the first week of October with excellent maturity. Once grapes arrived at the winery all movements of must/wine were by gravity. Grapes were de-stemmed but not crushed prior to fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks. The skins were macerated for 20 days prior to pressing. The wine was aged 12 months in French oak barrels.

Reviews: “... A bouquet of black cherries, black plums, a touch of cigar smoke, dark chocolate, a fine signature of soil and a discreet touch of smoky oak. On the palate the wine is ripe, full-bodied and very nicely balanced, with a rock solid core, firm, well-integrated tannins and excellent focus and grip on the still quite youthful finish. Fine juice!”

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