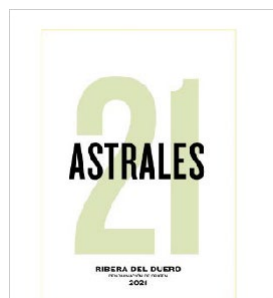


# Astrales 2021 (Red Wine)



Bodega Los Astrales began work at the end of 2000 by the hands of the Romera de la Cruz family – a family with 3 generations of winegrowers – who were grape suppliers for other wineries but now they bottle their own production with Eduardo Garcia as Technical Director. Eduardo is the enologist at Mauro, Mauro's (family estates) and partner at Leda and the Paixar. After he finished his studies in Bordeaux, he trained at Cos D'Estournel, Hubert Lignier and Ridge.

The focus of the winery is to extract all of the character of old vine, head pruned, organically farmed Tinto Fino. The clay soils and cooler than average microclimate are key to producing wines with excellent balance, length, aromatic complexity and fresh acidity. Organic methods are followed (not certified).

<b>Appellation</b>	Ribera del Duero D.O.
<b>Grapes</b>	100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo)
<b>Altitude/Soil</b>	820-880 meters / clay rich alluvial soil
<b>Farming Methods</b>	Traditional methods, no herbicide use
<b>Harvest</b>	Hand harvested into small boxes
<b>Production</b>	Grape bunches are hand sorted prior to fermentation and malolactic conversion in stainless steel tank
<b>Aging</b>	Aged between 16-18 months in 80% French and 20% American oak barrels, 33% new
<b>UPC/SCC/PackSize</b>	8-437016-2-12004 / 8-437016-2-12103 / 6

## Reviews:

"The 2021 Astrales Tinto is again a big and ripe wine, coming in listed at the same fifteen percent octane as the 2020 version. I was kind of hoping it would be half point or so lower in alcohol this year, but we do live in an ever-warming world these days. This bottling is aged in one third new oak, with the casks predominantly made from French oak, but with twenty percent of the barrels American oak. The 2021 Astrales offers up a deep, ripe and really quite lovely bouquet of black cherries, plums, cigar wrapper, really quite striking soil tones, coffee bean, pipe tobacco and vanillin oak. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, ripe and really nicely precise on the attack, with superb depth of fruit at the core, ripe, buried tannins, fine focus and balance and a long, nascently complex and gently warm finish. Though this is listed at the same octane as the 2020 version, it somehow seems a touch lower in alcohol to my palate. It is an excellent wine in the making and even at fifteen percent, it is going to age long and gracefully. 2035-2075." **93 points** View from the Cellar John Gilman; May-June 2025

