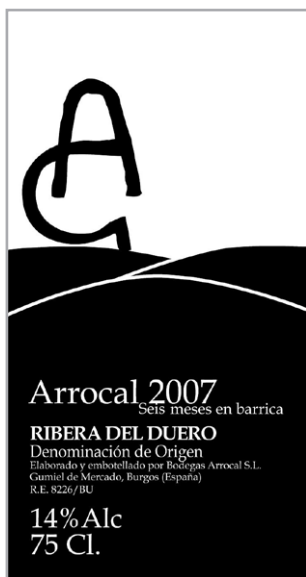


Arrocal 2007



Winery: Bodegas Arrocal

Region: Ribera del Duero D.O.

Grapes: 100% Tinto Fino

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.

With the completion of the new winery, all movement of wine through the winery takes place by gravity to minimize rough handling and to help obtain a wine with a silky mouthfeel. Fruit expression is maximized through temperature controlled fermentations, excluding extended maceration and gentle pressing

in low capacity basket presses. The young wine typically ages for 4 months in oak while the Selección will spend 15 months in oak.

Wine: 2007 was a year with small yields due to hail in the vineyards at the start of vegetative growth. Nevertheless, grapes were harvested in September with excellent maturity. All of the fruit for this wine comes from estate grown vines and gravity drives all movements of must/wine to minimize hard tannins. Grapes are hand harvested, destemmed but not crushed, macerated for 10 days in temperature controlled tanks followed by aging in 70% French and 30% American oak barrels for 6 months. Bottled without filtration after a gentle egg-white fining.

Reviews:

“A big, friendly Ribera with gamey red cherry flavors, this wine’s tremendous, lush texture carries all its flavor through the finish. For roast goat.”

90 points *Wine and Spirits* June 2010

“Bodegas Arrocal is a small 27 ha. family estate located in the province of Burgos. The winery produced its first bottling in 2001 with the help of Isaac Fernandez, the talented winemaker responsible for the wines of several other wineries in the region. This bottling has a lovely dark ruby color and is a nicely concentrated wine with blackberry fruit and earth notes. It is soft and lush on the attack with delicious black fruit and licorice flavors on the palate accompanied by round tannins, excellent balance, and a long finish. A beautiful wine for the price.”

90 points *International Wine Review* June 2010



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