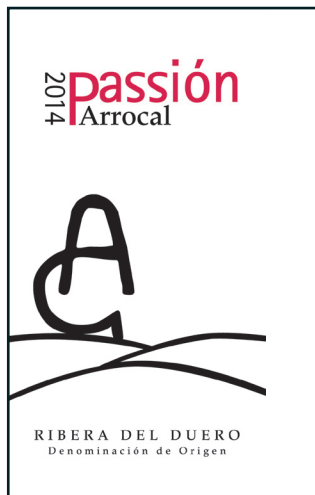


# Arrocal Passion 2014



**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:** “...offers up a fine bouquet of plums, black cherries, raw cocoa, a really striking soil signature, a touch of cigar wrapper and a gently spicy topnote. On the palate the wine is pure and fullbodied, with beautiful balance and nascent complexity, fine mid-palate depth, ripe, moderate tannins and lovely focus and grip on the long, bright and youthful finish.”

**92 points** *View from the Cellar*

“The nose combines dark fruit with some spicy aromas from the barrels. The palate is medium-bodied, with fine tannins and good balance.”

**89 points** *The Wine Advocate*; February 2017



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