

Arrocal Seleccion 2005



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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.

D.O. As in many regions of Spain the vine was cultivated by the Church. By the 1500s wine based on Tinta del Pais had become the region's main economic product. In the 1650s wineries in Aranda del Duero were said to have produced 6 million liters of wine. Underground tunnels were utilized for temperature control and aging of wine. In 1864 Vega Sicilia

was founded with the first vines from Bordeaux being planted in the area. After being granted D.O. in 1982, due largely to the work of Alejandro Fernandez, an explosion of development occurred shifting production from inexpensive rose to top quality red wine.

Wine: Grapes are hand harvested, destemmed but not crushed, macerated for 14 days in temperature controlled tanks followed by aging in 80% French and 20% American oak barrels for 15 months. Bottled without filtration after a gentle egg-white fining.

Reviews:

“Purple-colored, it offers up notes of cedar, smoke, mineral, and blackberry. With an elegant personality, ample silky, spicy fruit, good depth and a long finish, this is a pleasure-giving wine for drinking now and over the next 8-10 years.”

91 points *Wine Advocate* issue 175 February '08

“Deep, saturated red. Sexy, highly perfumed bouquet exudes cherry-cola, blackberry, smoky minerals and fresh flowers. Suave and silky, with sweet dark berry liqueur flavors, surprising mineral lift and a late note of candied rose. Dusty tannins build on the finish and add structure to this elegant, full-flavored midweight. No shortage of energy here.”

92 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 139 July/Aug '08



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