

Arrocal Seleccion 2006



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.

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:

“Saturated ruby. Seductively perfumed aromas of crushed dark berries, cherry-cola and smoky Indian spices. Powerful and sappy, with mineral-driven character to its flavors of cassis, black cherry and dark chocolate. Strikingly juicy, with excellent finishing lift and lingering tanginess.”

91 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 145 July/Aug '09

“The 2006 Arrocal Seleccion spent 15 months in French and American oak. It displays an alluring perfume of smoke, spice box, violets, incense, and blackberry leading to a savory, smooth-textured, racy style of Ribera del Duero offering both power and elegance. It will benefit from another 2-3 years of bottle age, but it is not necessary to delay your gratification.”

91 points *Wine Advocate* issue 195 June 2011



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