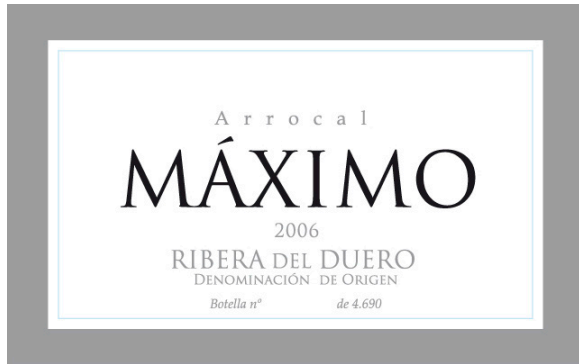


# Máximo de Arrocal 2006



**Winery:** Bodegas Arrocal

**Region:** Ribera del Duero D.O.

**Grapes:** 100% Tempranillo

**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:** This is only the second vintage for Maximo, sourced from a single parcel of grapes called El Portillo which was planted by Moises's grandfather 70 years ago. The plot is only 4.5 acres which yielded less than one ton per acre in

2006. The name Maximo has a history for the family as it is the name of Rosa's (wife of Moises) father, who both loves wine and helped the couple in the vineyards and with building the winery.

Winemaker Isaac Fernandez selected 100% new French Radoux Blend with medium plus toast for the first aging of the wine, after 12 months in oak the wine was raked to 100% brand new Radoux blend barrels for an additional 12 months of aging. The blend was assembled in tank at the end of May and then bottled unfiltered near the end of July 2009.

## Reviews:

“Opaque ruby. Exotic aromas of black and blue fruits, cola, vanilla and potpourri, with a smoky quality and a touch of fruitcake. Lush, spicy blackberry and boysenberry flavors stain the palate, with notes of vanilla pastry and licorice contributing complexity. This got 200% new French oak and it shows it now. Broad and sweet on the finish, which strongly echoes the boysenberry and floral notes. This very sexy wine appears to have the depth to handle the lumber.”

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