

Arrocal Seleccion 2016 (Red Wine)



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 Seleccion will spend 15 months in oak.

Appellation	Ribera del Duero D.O.
Grapes	100% Tinto Fino, from the single, 40-year-old <i>Astrales</i> vineyard
Altitude / Soil	825 meters / alluvial sand, clay and pebbles
Farming Methods	Practicing Organic
Harvest	Hand harvested fruit, hand sorted at the winery prior to processing
Production	Fermented with native microbes for 20 days in small stainless tanks
Aging	Aged for 15 months in French oak barrels; 50% new
UPC / SCC / Pack	8437005780019 / 8-437005780040 / 6

Reviews:

“The 2016 Arrocal “Selección” comes in at a very civilized fourteen percent octane and offers up fine precision on both the nose and palate. The wine is raised in fifty percent new oak and the 2016 version delivers fine aromatic complexity in its blend of cassis, black cherries, bitter chocolate, lovely soil tones, cigar ash and a judicious serving of smoky new oak. On the palate the wine is pure, full-bodied and nicely reserved in personality, with an excellent core of fruit, fine soil signature, ripe, well-integrated tannins and a long, complex and very promising finish. This is beautifully built to age and will need some time in the cellar to blossom, but it should prove to be long-lived and a superb bottle for many decades to come. 2028-2055.”

93 points *View from the Cellar*; Issue # 85 - January/February 2020

“Vivid ruby. Deep-pitched blueberry and cherry compote aromas pick up suggestions of woodsmoke and candied violet with air. Concentrated and supple on the palate, offering expansive dark fruit and spicecake flavors and a sexy vanillin oak flourish. Finishes smoky and very long, with smooth tannins building steadily and in harmony with the wine's plush fruit. Aged for 16 months in 50% new and 50% used 225-liter French oak barrels. 2021 – 2026.”

93 points *Vinous*; Josh Raynolds - February 2021

