

Máximo de Arrocal 2010



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: 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 racked to 100% brand new Radoux blend barrels for an additional 14 months of aging. The final blend was assembled from the very best 4 barrels and then bottled unfiltered.

Reviews: "Bright purple. Expansive spice- and smoke-accented black and blue fruits and cherry-cola on the highly perfumed nose. Sweet and seamless on the palate, offering intense blackcurrant and floral pastille flavors and building vanilla and mocha notes. Velvety tannins arrive late to give structure and gentle grip to a long, dark fruit-dominated finish, which leaves a smoky mineral note behind. From a single plot of 70+-year-old vines."

93 points *Vinous* Central Spain: Tempranillo and Beyond December 2015

This aromatic red shows balsamic, hoisin and fig paste notes, with mulled plum, coffee, tobacco and meaty flavors that mingle over muscular tannins. Drink now through 2025.

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