

2005 Mayorazgo Reserva Tempranillo

Ribera del Duero, Spain



THE WINE:

100% Tempranillo from 40-50 year old vines from the heart of the Ribera del Duero region. Aged for 20 months in small French oak barrels. The 2005 vintage was stellar in this area, and this reserva highlights the classic Ribera del Duero style of Tempranillo.

THE Estate:

Winemaker Moises Arrocal and his wife Rosa own 15 acres of vineyards in the town of Gumiel de Mercado. Planted with 12 acres of Tempranillo and 3 acres of Cabernet and Merlot, they rely on nature and the region's ideal climate to produce small quantities of fantastic wines. The harvest is done entirely by hand, and the pressing of the grapes is done using gravity in low-pressure, vertical presses. This allows the fruit to show pure varietal character with minimal human intervention.

~Tasting Notes~

Color: Deep violet purple with a dark core.

Aromas: Rich spiced cherries with some herbal notes. Toasted oak showing some vanilla.

Flavors: Juicy black fruits with both blackberry and cherry. Subtle hints of a savory, almost Rhone-like peppery spice. Velvet smooth tannins with a freshness and purity.

Food Pairing: Classic Spanish tapas; olives, manchego cheese, jamon Serrano, etc.

~Drink now through 2015~