

Artesa Organic Rioja [organic]



Producer: Bodegas Artesa
Winemaker: Rubén Pérez
Country of Origin: Spain
Region of Origin: Rioja
Grapes: Tempranillo 100%
ABV: 13.5%
Case Size: 6x75cl
Vintage: 2015
Organic
Closure Type: Cork



The One-Liner

A superlative Rioja from meticulously-tended organic vineyards

Tasting Note

Fresh redcurrant and cherry aromas combine with woody, herbal notes. The palate is complex with juicy bramble fruit, black pepper, and lifted, savoury characters.

Producer Details

This large, family-owned estate draws from 800 hectares of elevated hillside vineyards in some of the best zones of Rioja Baja. Thanks to a combination of the high quality of the grapes from these vineyards and modern vinification cellars, the young, unoaked wines are fresh and vibrant with good richness of fruit for wines at this level. A new barrel ageing cellar was completed in 2006 as production of the ripe and supple Crianza increases.

In The Vineyard

200 hectares of estate vineyards near Alfaro provide the basis of the Artesa range and the best of these, at high altitude (500 to 600 metre), with mature vines and poor, stony soils, have been converted to organic production.

In The Winery

Fermented in stainless steel. Matured for 6 months in new American oak barrels.

Awards & Press

2014 Vintage: IWC 2015 - Bronze

2012 Vintage: Sommelier Wine Awards 2015 - Gold

2012 Vintage: International Wine Challenge 2014 - Silver

2012 Vintage: The Drinks Business 'Rioja Masters 2014' - Bronze

2011 Vintage: Sommelier Wine Awards 2014 - Gold

2012 Vintage: "Light, bright and happy,' said team leader Jade Koch, illustrating how Artesa shot to the top, and adding: 'Really enticing sweet cherry fruit on the nose, with dry, fine tannins.' 'A good amount of fruit-driven intensity with a vibrant, complex, spicy palate,' said Andrea Fasan of La Petite Maison. Perfect with char grilled mackerel." Sommelier Wine Awards 2015, Judges Comments

Food Recommendations

Drink with casseroles, red meat or manchego cheese.

2011 Vintage: "Lots of toasty coconut oak flavours on a creamy strawberry nose, with sweet, ripe raspberry and cherry fruit on the palate" Sommelier Wine Awards 2014, Judges Comments