

# Alaris Organic Tempranillo 2010



## **Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:**

None yet

## **Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:**

2007: 87 points – The Wine Advocate

**Bodegas Aruspide** – The original bodega was built in 1905 as a cooperative. In 1999 several members of the cooperative founded their own bodega and purchased the facility. They totally restored the bodega in 2000, respecting the architectural style of the period and the region. The result was a technologically modern and elegant bodega. The bodega and their vineyards are located in the Valdepenas region, but the bodega uses the Vino de la Tierra de Castilla designation for their organic wines.

**Organic** -- The new owners wanted to produce their wines organically. From their original purchase they converted all of their vineyards to organic farming and their entire bodega to organic production. All of their wines are certified organic, and the brands which we import are certified organic by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

**Vineyards** – The bodega owns 270 acres of vineyards and controls another 150 acres. All vineyards are certified organic.

**Tasting notes** – Ruby red color. Red berry, allspice, and candied flower aromas. Sweet raspberry and cherry flavors with notes of white pepper and vanilla. Soft finish with lingering raspberry notes.

**Imported since** – 2003

**Appellation:** Vino de la Tierra de Castilla

**Composition:** Tempranillo

**Soil:** mixture with high concentration of clay, limestone, and sand

**Elevation:** 2500 feet

**Vineyard practice:** certified organic farming

**Vine Age:** 26 years

**Yield:** 0.8 tons per acre

**Harvest Dates:** First week of September

**Fermentation:** 10 days in small stainless steel tanks with temperature control and natural yeast

**Aging:** 3 months in French oak barrels and 3 months in bottle

**pH:** 3.78

**Residual Sugar:** 1.8 grams per liter

**Alcohol:** 13.5 %

**UPC:** 7 50428 21137 2

**Region:** The Valdepenas demarcated wine region is located southwest of La Mancha, and Castilla is a small part of Valdepenas. Valdepenas is at the point where Spain's central plain begins to descend towards the Andalusian region in southwest Spain. The region is a broad valley surrounded by mountains. The climate can be dry and very warm during the growing season.