

Alaris Organic Tempranillo 2013



Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:

89 points – Vinous

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 of vineyards. All of the vineyards are certified organic.

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 %

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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.