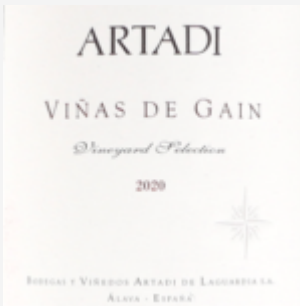


Bodegas y Vinos Artadi de Laguardia Viñas de Gain Vineyard Selection Tempranillo Spain 2020

Selected by: MTW Tasting Panel



Final Deductions

VINTAGE 2020

GRAPE Tempranillo/Blend

GEOGRAPHY Europe

COUNTRY Spain

LARGER REGION Rioja

Rationale

The most legacied red wine region of Spain, Rioja is one of the purest examples of Tempranillo, found across the country (under varied synonyms) and in neighboring Portugal. While it can be blended with other regional grapes, its distinct personality always shines through - especially in Rioja.

Tempranillo's signature fruit flavors are cherry and berry. It is uniquely built, often with the structure of Cabernet Sauvignon, but also with the soft fruitiness of Grenache, and the acidity of Pinot Noir. Also pronounced in Rioja is the complex flavor profile of the local Tempranillo's 'Balsamico' - a combination of some eighteen flavors, ranging from oregano to incense, and chamomile to fennel.

Oak is always a consideration—many Rioja reds are unoaked (commonly referred to as Joven), while we see many wines with some oak (Crianza), and other examples amply-wooded (Reserva) or even oakier with accompanying extended bottle age (Gran Reserva). The oak of choice is frequently American and the wine's signature oak profile including vanilla, coffee bean, fennel/dill, and spice.

After rising to the very top ranks of quality in Rioja with a forward-thinking style and site-specific vineyard focus, Juan-Carlos López de Lacalle of Artadi shocked the world by leaving the Rioja appellation in 2015. Uniquely, from the 2014 vintage all Artadi wines, including their celebrated Viña el Pisón, one of Spain's most expensive wines, have been labeled simply as Vino de Mesa, and will not carry the Rioja name or official back label stamp rather cxelebrating specific village wines and single vineyard wines. Rebels with a cause!

Sight

BRIGHTNESS Day Bright

CLARITY Clear

COLOR DEPTH Medium

COLOR Ruby

RIM VARIATION Purple
Stained Tears: Medium

Structure

RESIDUAL SUGAR Dry

ACID Med+

ALCOHOL High

TANNIN Med+

TEXTURE Round / Smooth

FINISH Long

COMPLEXITY High

Aroma & Taste

RED FRUIT Red Plum • Red / Sour Cherry • Red Currant *Condition: Ripe*

BLACK FRUIT Black Raspberry • Blackberry • Black Plum *Condition: Ripe, Fresh*

CITRUS FRUIT Orange • Tangerine *Condition: Fresh Part: Peel / Zest*

FLORAL Rose • Jasmine *Condition: Fresh*

GREEN VEGETABLE Dark Leafy Greens • Arugula

OTHER VEGETABLE Fennel / Anise • Beet / Beet Root • Rhubarb • Mushrooms (Brown)

HERBAL Tobacco Leaf • Oregano • Mint / Eucalyptus • Laurel / Bay Leaf

OTHER SPICES Licorice (Black) • Licorice (Red) • Paprika / Pimenton • Turmeric

ORGANIC EARTH Turned Dirt / Potting Soil

INORGANIC EARTH Mineral / Rock

ANIMAL Leather

OAK AGING Yes *Oak Intensity: Medium*

OAK INFLUENCE Cedar / Cigar Box • Sandalwood • Baking Spice • Vanilla • Coffee / Bean

OXIDATION/NUTTINESS Walnut • Almond / Marzipan