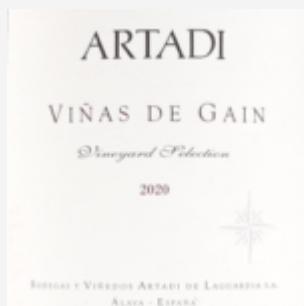


## Bodegas y Vinedos Artadi de Laguardia Viñas de Gain Vineyard Selection Tempranillo Spain 2020

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** Rhubarb • Mushrooms (Brown) • Fennel / Anise • Beet / Beet Root

**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** Coffee / Bean • Vanilla • Cedar / Cigar Box • Sandalwood • Baking Spice

**OXIDATION/NUTTINESS** Walnut • Almond / Marzipan