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Bodegas Aalto

Bodegas Aalto Aalto embodies the excellence of the Ribera del Duero region, offering an elegant and complex expression of Tinto Fino, marked by ripe red fruits, licorice nuances, and spicy notes from its barrel aging.

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Aalto 2021

Ribera del Duero, Spain

Region and Vineyards

Bodegas Aalto Aalto comes from the prestigious **Ribera del Duero** region, in the provinces of **Burgos** and **Valladolid**. This region, known for its robust and elegant wines, benefits from varied soils ranging from clay-limestone to sands and gravels, contributing to the complexity of the wines produced.

The grapes for this wine come from **very old vines**, aged **40 to 80 years**, planted in nine different villages in this region. These old vines, with their deep roots, produce grapes of great concentration and exceptional aromatic complexity. The harvest is done **by hand**, with meticulous care given to each bunch, transported in small 15-kilo boxes and thoroughly inspected on a sorting table.

Winemaking

This **vintage** is composed of **100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo)**. After a manual harvest, the grapes are carefully sorted before vinification. The wine is then aged for **17 months in French and American oak barrels**, imparting woody aromas and refined tannic structure.

This barrel aging process not only softens the tannins but also integrates the oak flavors with the fruity characteristics of Tinto Fino. The result is a balanced wine with good acidity that adds freshness and vibrancy to the palate.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** An elegant purple color in the glass.
- **Aroma:** An expressive nose revealing the aromatic potential of Tinto Fino with red fruits and licorice nuances, enriched by spicy notes from barrel aging.
- **Palate:** The wine offers a silky texture and good acidity, with flavors of ripe red fruits, hints of licorice, and a persistent spicy finish.

Did you know? **Bodegas Aalto** was founded by Mariano García, the former iconic winemaker of Vega Sicilia, and Javier Zaccagnini. Their vision was to create world-class wines using the best viticultural practices and modern techniques while respecting local traditions.

Alcohol :14,00 %

Composition: 100% Tempranillo



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Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Grilled Ribeye Steak:** The richness and tannic structure of the wine perfectly complement the juicy texture and meaty flavors of ribeye steak.
- **Herb-Infused Lamb Stew:** The spicy and fruity notes of the wine harmonize with the complex and herbaceous flavors of the stew.
- **Seafood Paella:** The good acidity and spicy nuances of the wine balance the rich and savory flavors of the paella.
- **Aged Manchego Cheese:** The robust and fruity character of the wine contrasts nicely with the firm texture and tangy flavors of Manchego.



Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2021)

The 2021 PS has a similar profile as the regular Aalto but with a little bit more of everything, more ripeness—playing dangerously with overripeness—and alcohol (15%), more concentration and power and also more oak that reveals itself in the shape or aromas of fried corn. It's powerful and tannic, in need of years in bottle and/or powerful food. This is very good in its style, impeccably crafted and aged in the best barrels money can buy.



Wine Spectator (WS) : 94 Points (2021)

A graceful, enticing red, with appealing hints of violet, eucalyptus, tea rose and tar wafting through the flavors of ripe black currant and mulberry fruit, melted licorice and mocha. Long, focused and harmonious, with deft integration of the sinewy tannins and refreshing acidity, this glides across the palate and echoes on the spiced finish. Drink now through 2036. 31,200 cases made, 1,450 cases imported.



Vinous (Antonio Galloni) (VN) : 94 Points (2021)

The 2021 Aalto is a 100% Tempranillo from Ribera del Duero and was aged for up to two years in French and American barrels. Garnet-red with a purple sheen. Cedar and vanilla lead the nose, followed by blackcurrant, blackberry and subtle herbal notes in the background. The palate is indulgent and creamy, with a classic 'reserva' profile but distinctively light on its feet for a Ribera del Duero wine. The 2021 Aalto is a long-lasting, juicy, subtly chalky red.

