

AALTO



Bodegas Aalto

Aalto PS 2020 is a bold and sophisticated red wine from Ribera del Duero, offering intense black fruit flavors, silky tannins, and layered complexity that reflect the best of old-vine Tempranillo and meticulous craftsmanship.

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Alcohol :15,00 %

Composition: 100% Tempranillo

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Ribera del Duero, Spain

Region and Vineyards

Aalto PS 2020 comes from **La Horra and La Aguilera**, two prestigious areas within the Ribera del Duero D.O., renowned for their exceptional Tempranillo vineyards. The vines, aged between **60 and 90 years**, are deeply rooted in **calcareous and sandy soils**, which enhance the wine's structure and elegance.

The region's **continental climate**, with hot summers and cold winters, is moderated by cool nighttime temperatures in September. This diurnal temperature variation preserves the acidity and freshness of the grapes, ensuring a balanced and expressive wine.

Winemaking

The **2020 vintage** experienced a rainy autumn followed by a winter with fogs and temperature drops. Spring was delayed by a cold front, with vine sprouting occurring later than usual in late April. The summer brought high temperatures, peaking in July and early August, before cooling down with some late storms. Harvest began on **September 14th**, under optimal conditions.

The grapes, **100% Tinto Fino (Tempranillo)**, were **hand-harvested** into 15 kg crates to prevent bruising. Each bunch was meticulously inspected on a selection table. Fermentation occurred in **stainless steel vats**, and the wine was aged for **21 months in new French oak barrels**, followed by bottling in **September 2022**.

Tasting Notes

- **Color:** Deep, opaque ruby red with violet reflections.
- **Aroma:** Intense and elegant, with layers of **ripe black fruits, dark cherries**, and notes of **toasted oak, vanilla**, and subtle **spices**.
- **Palate:** Full-bodied and expansive, with **silky tannins** and a core of **blackberry, plum**, and **licorice**. The finish is long and fresh, revealing complex nuances of **chocolate, graphite**, and **mineral tones**.
- **Ageing Potential:** Ready to enjoy now, but capable of ageing gracefully for **15-20 years**.



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Did you know?

The initials **PS** stand for "**Pagos Seleccionados**" (Selected Plots), highlighting the exclusive origins of this wine from the estate's oldest and finest vineyards. Each vintage of Aalto PS represents a meticulous selection process that ensures the highest quality.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Roasted Iberian Pork Shoulder:** The wine's bold tannins and rich fruit flavors complement the succulent texture of the pork.
- **Braised Short Ribs with Red Wine Reduction:** The robust structure and spiced notes of the wine enhance the savory depth of the dish.
- **Mature Manchego Cheese:** The nutty, tangy flavors of this cheese pair harmoniously with the wine's dark fruit profile.
- **Wild Boar Stew with Herbs:** The wine's earthy and spiced undertones accentuate the rustic flavors of the stew.



James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2020)

Lots of depth here, with ripe blackberries and some nicely baked black cherries, roasted herbs, incense, dark spices, mussels and a balsamic tinge. An admirably fine dollop of tannins on the palate, which are immaculate and juicy, as they thoroughly dunk into the black fruit, melting into a persistent finish that lasts for over a minute. Very impressive.



Robert Parker (RP) : 95 Points (2020)

The heady and ripe 2020 PS follows the house style and the profile of the regular Aalto from the same vintage, with slightly higher ripeness, more creaminess and toastier oak. It's predictable and very good at it, with abundant, slightly dusty tannins and some chalkiness in the pungent, intense and oaky finish. It has 15% alcohol and mellow acidity.

