Artadi

Artadi El Carretil is a single-plot wine that embodies the vibrancy of Tempranillo, combining ripe fruit, fine tannins, and a refined mineral precision to create an elegant and textured experience.

El Carretil 2022

Rioja, Spain

Region and Vineyards

Artadi El Carretil originates from a **single plot in Laguardia**, located at an altitude of **500 meters** in Rioja Alavesa. The vineyard lies on **deep clay-limestone soils**, which impart a unique minerality and structure to the wine.

The viticulture respects the environment, avoiding herbicides or pesticides and adhering to **organic farming practices**. This sustainable approach enhances the vineyard's natural expression, resulting in low yields of **3,000 kg/ha**, which ensure concentrated and high-quality fruit.

Winemaking

The **growing season** was marked by frequent rainfall during winter and autumn, providing ample water reserves. Gradually warming temperatures during the vegetative cycle, peaking at **35°C** in summer, naturally managed fungal diseases. Favorable weather during late September and early October allowed for a careful and successful harvest.

The hand-harvested grapes, sorted meticulously, undergo **vinification in open-top wooden vats**, starting with a **cold maceration for 24–48 hours**, followed by fermentation lasting **10–12 days**. Two daily **pisages** (manual grape cap punching) and light pump-overs ensure optimal extraction.

The wine undergoes **malolactic fermentation**, followed by **9 months of ageing in French oak barrels**, enhancing its complexity and elegance.

Alcohol :14,50 %

Composition: 100% Tempranillo

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Tasting Notes

- **Color**: Deep ruby red with brilliant reflections.
- **Aroma**: Vibrant and layered, with notes of **ripe red berries**, **black cherry**, and a touch of **graphite**, complemented by subtle hints of **spices** and **toasted oak**.
- **Palate**: Full-bodied and refined, featuring **fibrous, sculpted tannins** that seamlessly integrate with flavors of **dark fruit**, **minerality**, and a delicate touch of **vanilla**. The finish is long and graceful, with a lingering mineral essence.
- **Ageing Potential**: Ready to drink now, but capable of evolving beautifully over the next **20 years**.

Did you know?

Artadi El Carretil is not just a wine but a philosophy, reflecting the values of **sustainability, respect for nature, and artisanal craftsmanship**. Its single-plot origin ensures that every vintage speaks uniquely of its place and time.

Wine Pairing Ideas

- **Slow-cooked Lamb Shoulder with Rosemary**: The wine's structured tannins and mineral nuances balance the rich flavors of the lamb.
- **Grilled Duck Breast with Cherry Reduction**: The ripe berry notes complement the savory-sweet character of the dish.
- **Aged Manchego Cheese**: The nutty and savory elements of the cheese enhance the wine's complexity.
- **Porcini Mushroom Risotto**: The wine's earthy and mineral-driven profile pairs beautifully with the umami-rich mushrooms.

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Robert Parker (RP) : 98 Points (2021)

The nose of the 2021 El Carretil is an explosion of flowers; it's aromatic, perfumed, open, expressive and super elegant, clean, nuanced and showy. It has a seamless palate with very fine tannins, ethereal, with lots of energy and light. This has to be the finest vintage of El Carretil to date. Today, this hits the bull's-eye. Bravo! 5,300 bottles were filled in May 2023.

96
James Suckling

James Suckling (JS) : 96 Points (2018)

Such glorious aromas of blackberries, licorice and crushed stones. Full-bodied with balance and refinement to the mouth feel. Chocolate and berry aftertaste. From organically grown grapes. Drink or hold.