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El Escolladero 2019
Artuke - 75 cl.



The house's "Grand Cru". This cuvée comes from a 0.95 ha parcel located 540 metres above sea level in Abalos, in the Rioja Alta. Only 1,180 bottles of this very Burgundian Rioja are made.

Vinification
The grapes are first screened in the vine, only the best bunches are used. They are then transported to the cellar in large baskets (10 cm deep max., so that the bunches do not crush each other and the berries stay in the best possible condition). At the cellar, they are submitted to a second screening on a sorting table. The grapes are then de-stemmed and the berries are sent into stainless steel tanks for fermentation. Only natural yeasts are used. Then the malolactic fermentation takes place in 600 litre vats. The wine is aged there for 14 more months.

Storage potential
20 years

To serve
Best served in a large glass after decanting.

Trial analysis
This wine seems to draw a lot of complexity from its North-South oriented terroir. Its red fruit and its floral notes seduce on the nose as well as on the palate; a nice acidity brings the backbone of this complex wine with a Burgundy style and an Atlantic touch.

Assembly
Tempranillo (85%), Graciano (15%)

Region:
Pais Vasco

Appellation:
D.O.C. Rioja

Wine estate:
Artuke

Biodynamic

Description domain

Artuke is a small estate founded in 1991 by Miguel Blanco, joined some years later by his sons Arturo and Kike. Hence the name of the estate, which covers 22 ha, divided into 32 parcels, including some exceptional crus. The family played a crucial part in the Rioja 'n Roll movement born in the region some years ago. This movement groups young oenologists who work within the same philosophy - producing terroir wines the most natural way, respecting the environment and their iconic grape, Tempranillo, but also other ancient varieties often found in field-blend vines.