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Paso Las Mañas 2017
Artuke - 75 cl.



Artuke's "Premier Cru" wine. Their youngest vine, 3.9 hectares planted in 1999 in Samaniego, 700 metres above sea level - hence its particular character.

Assembly
Tempranillo (100%)

Region:
Pais Vasco

Appellation:
D.O.C. Rioja

Wine estate:
Artuke

Biodynamic

Vinification
The grapes are fist 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 500 and 3,000 litre vats. The wine is aged there for 15 more months.

Storage potential
10-12 years.

To serve
Best served in a large glass after decanting.

Trial analysis
Nice and dark colour. At first, floral notes on the nose; with air, these are replaced by nice red fruit notes. A very "Burgundian" Tempranillo. Thanks to the altitude, the wine is fresh, tannines, fruit and acidity are very well integrated. A long finish.

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.