



Bodegas Arzuaga Navarro s.l.

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## Arzuaga Navarro Gran Arzuaga 2011

*"Sensuality and elegance transformed into wine"*

### Vineyards

This wine comes from a unique blend of Tempranillo, Albillo and Cabernet Sauvignon. The origin of Albillo grapes is the centenary stocks of red clay soil and thin sands with pebbles on the surface. The Cabernet Sauvignon grapes are coming from the plot La Planta with very limy almost boundary soils for growing grapevines. Both plots have in common the high altitude, minimum yields, almost exiguous and a very long vegetative cycle. All these made the vineyards have a complete maturity and an extraordinary balance.

### Production

The Albillo and Tempranillo grapes arrived in 14 kg plastic crates and passed through the sorting table placed by the deposit with the stem. Once into a 6000 litres wooden barrel the maceration lasted several days at 16 C. This allowed a very regular alcoholic fermentation to reach 28 C. After 17 days in the wooden barrel and daily treading, the wine was run off into new oak french barrels with fine grain which come from the prestigious forests of Bertranges and Chatillonnais. After malolactic fermentation the ageing was carried out on its fine lees, in order to obtain unctuous, creamy and deep hints. 20 months of ageing produced a natural decanting, and no need for stabilization by means of physical nor chemical processes. The wine making process and bottling are done by gravity and without filtering. This method allowed to keep its structure, splendor and also its fineness.

### Tasting Notes

Red cherry with purple edges. Deep and concentrated color. Wide aromatic palette. Mature red fruits which are blended with cedar aromas and tobacco. They are followed by a mixture of cocoa and wild flowers aromas. It is accompanied by hints of spices. All this together, surrounded by "unique" floral nuances that are discovered every single year in this wine. Powerful, tasty and surrounding wine; emphasizing a length without comparison. The structure fills the mouth with a silkiness and tension sensation that demonstrates a great class. All this tannic power is accompanied by ripe fruit aromas and fine Russian leather notes. This wine can seem austere, although it already expresses extraordinary qualities and reveals a fabulous potential.

### Accolades

92 - 2011 Bodegas Arzuaga Gran Arzuaga - **Wine Advocate**

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#### Appellation

D.O Ribera Del Duero

#### Location

Quintanilla de Onesimo

#### Winery Size

175 Ha

#### Winemaker

Adolfo González

#### Varieties

Tempranillo 95%  
Merlot & Cabernet Sauvignon 5%

#### Aging

20 months in French  
oak barrels

#### Age of Vines

100 Years

#### Elevation

911 m

#### Soil

Clay-Calcareous, Limestone

#### Max Yield

4.000 Kg/Ha

#### Alcohol Content

14.5 %

#### Production

1.755 Bottles

#### Farming

Sustainable