

BODEGA CONTADOR RIOJA ALMA DE CONTADOR 2020

Friday, September 9, 2022

Country : Spain

Region : La Rioja

Vintage : 2020

Score : 94

A new project of Contador that, according to Benjamin Romeo, took a Bordeaux approach of blending vineyards at three different altitudes. The blend is mainly tempranillo and some garnacha. Right after pouring, there is still some sweet plushness from the oak, but this peters out and turns to incense and sandalwood with time in the glass. Then come aromas of blueberry concentrate, balsamic purple fruit, hot stones, lavender and iodine. There's a high level of ripeness and concentration on the palate, with purple and blue fruit that renders a brooding, almost pulpy feel. But the fresh acidity keeps it going, delivering a nice contrast to the weight and extraction. Long, dense and tight, but silky, too. Embryonic at this stage, but shows potential. Just slightly potent at the end. Will be released in 2023. Drink from 2025.

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