



Bodegas Darien

Darien Rosé

WINE:	Darien Rose
TYPE:	Rosé Wine
DENOMINATION:	Rioja DOC
VINTAGE:	2007
GRAPE VARIETY:	100% Tempranillo
COUNTRY:	Spain

The Winery: Darien wines provide a seamless blend of tradition and modernity. The vineyards forming the backbone of the wine are located just outside of Logroño in the heart of some of the best vineyard land found in Rioja. Situated on a terrace overlooking the Ebro River, the vineyards are composed of clay and sandy soils. It is on this site that Darien constructed a new, state-of-the-art winery. Designed by a famous local architect with the utmost attention to detail, the new winery contains the most technologically-advanced winemaking facilities. Darien owns a substantial amount of vineyard land, both at the site outside Logroño and at their estate Las Rades. The control that this affords vineyard manager Juan Luis Gonzalez and winemaker Tomás Iturriaga is evident in the wines. Stylistically, the wines reflect a modern approach while maintaining their traditional roots. French and American oak casks are used to age the wines, yet they retain intense fruit characteristics. Production is small and quality oriented.

Vinification: Made from 100% Tempranillo, the stemmed grapes for this Rose are transferred to stainless steel vats, similar to the process for young red wines. After a few hours maceration, the must is removed with just the right shade of pink and the wine is fermented at a constant temperature of 17°C to retain all its fresh aromas. Once the alcoholic fermentation is complete, which takes about fifteen days; the wine is cooled down to 11° C in order to keep all the fruity aromas. Afterwards, the wine is gently fined and undergoes cold stabilization before bottling. Enjoy this fine Rose with grilled fish and fresh vegetables.

Press: **Wine & Spirits** (2007 Vintage) **87 Points**, “**Best Buy of the Year (Rioja)**”: Clean flavors of juicy, late-season strawberries and watermelon point up this wine’s gentle sweetness. An informal rose for barbeque. 12/08.

Ken’s Wine Guide, (2007 vintage), **86 points (Good+)** This wine finished in 4th place in our recent blind tasting of dry Rosé wines. This deep pink wine from Rioja opens with a light tangerine-like bouquet with floral notes as well. On the palate, this light-bodied wine is round, crisp, juicy and displays slightly tart cranberry like flavors. The finish is dry and lingers slightly. The panel felt this wine would pair nicely with grilled fish. Enjoy! – KWGTP. 5/08

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