

2012 LEON DORMIDO SINGLE VINEYARD RESERVA

RIOJA, SPAIN



THE WINE:

100% Tempranillo from the Mendiguerra vineyard in the Rioja Alta sub-region of Rioja. Vines were planted in 1931 with very narrow spacing between rows allowing only hand harvesting. Grown without pesticides or herbicides. The wine was made by Miguel Merino Jr in his father's winery, Bodegas Miguel Merino. Aged for 36 months in 33% new French and American oak. There were approximately 550 cases made in 2012.

THE ESTATE:

Leon Dormido wines are all hand-crafted by Miguel Merino Navajas. Named for the famous mountain in Rioja (Sleeping Lion) these small production wines are all fruit focused; a departure from the heavily oaked wines of Rioja's past. Miguel's deep knowledge and passion for the native Tempranillo and Garnacha grapes are on full display.

TASTING NOTES:

Color: dark ruby with maroon hues

Aromas: ripe cherries and vanilla scented oak tones with whispers of floral nuances in the background

Flavor & Texture: sweet black and red fruits show dusted vanilla bean and shaved cedar on the finish

Food Pairing: serve with a tapas plate of thinly sliced jamon serrano, salty manchego cheese, and a bowl of ripe green olives

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