

# 2006 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. Aged for 12 months in 1/3 new, 1/3 one year old, and 1/3 two year old French and American oak. Grown without pesticides or herbicides.

### 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 crimson giving hints at this 9 year old wine's maturity.

**Aromas:** Black cherry, balsamic, red fruit and tobacco. Hints of earth and herb with toasted vanilla.

**Flavors:** Intense, balanced with mouth coating tannins. Notes of cherry and balsam wood on the long, seductive finish. 9 years of age has softened the acids and tannins into a beautiful harmony.

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

~ Drink now through 2020 ~