

# 2009 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 36 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:** The dark purple-ruby color gives no hints at this 8-year-old wine’s maturity.

**Aromas:** Black cherry, balsamic, red fruits, and tobacco are prevalent with hints of wild herbs with toasted vanilla.

**Flavor & Texture:** Flavor is intense and balanced with mouth coating tannins; notes of cherry and balsam wood on the long, seductive finish. Many years of aging has softened the acids and tannins into a beautiful harmony.

**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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