

# Vivir, vivir 2009



**Winery:** Bodegas Neo

**Region:** Ribera Del Duero D.O.

**Grapes:** 100% Tempranillo

**Winery:** This vineyard-driven project was started without a vineyard by a group of young friends with the goal of respecting tradition, honoring quality and searching for the essence of wine. They aim to produce wine with the perfect balance between fruit and wood which will allow the wines to be enjoyed immediately and age well. The initial vintages made from purchased grapes that had been farmed by the winery from 50 year and older vines. The project has grown into its own vineyard and a new winery building under the winemaking direction of Isaac Fernandez.

Isaac has been for many years demonstrating what some call a “gift”, and others call a “deep knowledge of the way that take from the elaboration to the glass”.

**Wine:** This wine is sourced from 20-60 year vines in La Horra, a village in the Burgos District of Ribera del Duero. Produced by Bodegas Neo, with Isaac Fernandez, managing the vineyards and making the wines. The grapes see an 8 day fermentation on the skins prior to gentle pressing. The wine was then aged in tank for 8 months prior to bottling to allow the grape tannins to soften.

## Reviews:

“The 2009 Vivir, vivir raises the bar. It has significantly more flavor as a result of the great 2009 vintage. It is an outstanding value.”

**88 points** *Wine Advocate* issue 189 June 2010

“Opaque ruby. Assertively aromatic bouquet of blackberry, cracked pepper and violet, plus a hint of black tea. Lush, slightly jammy dark berry flavors are given spine by zesty acidity. A spicy quality lingers on the nicely persistent, fruity finish.”

**88 points** *International Wine Cellar* issue 152 Sept/Oct 2010



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