

El Arte de 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 takes from the elaboration to the glass”.

Isaac’s philosophy is this: “I try to make wines of the highest possible quality based on each year and look to be able to offer to them to the world with reasonable and competitive prices. I try to respect to the maximum the identity of the vineyards and of the grapes with which I work, despite this it is not an impediment to be able to develop my wines and to equip to them with an elegance that differentiates to them from the rest.”

Wine: This wine is sourced from 60-80 year vines in La Horra and Quemada, villages in the Burgos District of Ribera del Duero. Produced by Bodegas Neo, with Isaac Fernandez, managing the vineyards and making the wines. This wine spent 6 months in a combination of 70% French and 30% American oak after fermentation in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.

Reviews:

“The 2009 El Arte de Vivir is deep purple in color with amped up fruit from the 2009 vintage. This succulent offering is a great value.”

89 points *Wine Advocate* issue 189 June 2010

“The Art of Living is a tremendously voluptuous wine, with the texture of chocolate at the melting point. The flavors are reminiscent of ripe blackberries and sweet spices, all with an incisive depth that commands attention. For a dark-chocolate mole.” **Year’s**

Best Ribera del Duero, Best Buy

91 points *Wine & Spirits* June 2011



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