

# Vivencias 2008



**Winery:** Pago El Almendro

**Region:** D.O.P. Vino de Calidad de Valtiendas

**Grapes:** 100% Tempranillo

**Winery:** This wine comes from the recently (2007) created Quality Wine Region of Valtiendas. The region is in the North-east of the province of Segovia abutting its more famous neighbor, Ribera del Duero. A key difference versus Ribera del Duero is the altitude of the vineyards, 900 meters and higher. Currently there are 5 recognized Bodegas in the region, with 100 hectares under cultivation.

**Wine:** Vivencias is produced from a 1.4 hectare vineyard planted with 20 year old Tinto Fino vines. The soils are calcareous clay with big stones. In 2008 the harvest was very late, starting on November 4 and ending with the first snowfall of the winter. Grapes

saw a total of 25 days maceration with the must/wine during fermentation in stainless steel tanks. The wine was aged for 10 and half months in second-year, fine-grained French oak barrels.

## Reviews:

“Pago El Almendro’s 2008 Vivencias comes from the newly created region of Valtiendas which is surrounded on two sides by Ribera del Duero at a higher elevation. The principal grape variety is Tempranillo. The wine was the product of a very late harvest starting on November 4 and ending with the first snowfall of the winter. It was fermented in stainless steel and aged for 10+ months in seasoned French oak. Deep purple in color, it displays a super-fragrant bouquet of earthy minerals, garrigue, lavender, balsamic, black cherry, and blackberry. In the glass it exhibits a racy personality with loads of bright fruit, succulent flavors, and impeccable balance. It should evolve gracefully for 3-4 years and deliver prime drinking from 2014 to 2023.”

**92 points** *Wine Advocate* issue 195 June 2011



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