

## D.O Ribera del Duero

**Bodegas Requiem** made their first wine in 2001. The winemaker/owner Jose María Velasco Román (Topo) learned his skills at Vega Sicilia under the supervision of Marino Garcia who is one of Spain's most revered winemakers. Topo works 13 hectares of family owned vineyards, the youngest of which are 80 years old. Due to the nature of old vines and hand sorting this winery's annual production barely reaches 15,000 bottles of which we receive maybe 10%.

**Requiem** - Made from 100% Tempranillo vinified in stainless steel and then aged in 80% French and 20% American oak for 12 months. This is one of the most concentrated and balanced Tempranillo based wines we have ever tasted.

The 2003 Requiem, a 100% Tempranillo which spent 13 months in French and American oak, reflects the hot conditions of 2003 but, in this case, they seem to have been handled without difficulty. The nose offers up slightly baked kirsch and spice box aromas, and is followed by a moderately tannic palate offering concentrated red fruits with plenty of depth. Give this big wine an additional 2-4 years in the cellar and drink it over the next decade.

**RP90**

