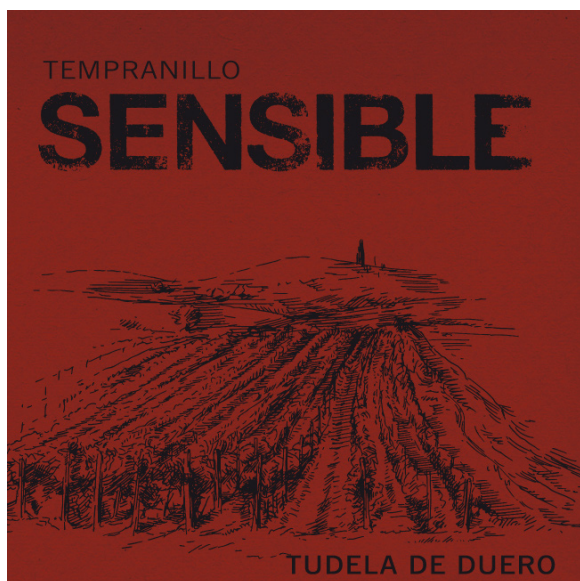


# Sensible 2014



**Winery:** Isaac Fernandez Seleccion

**Region:** Vino de la Tierra de Castilla y Leon

**Grapes:** 100% Tempranillo

**Winery:** Isaac Fernandez Selection is the newest venture of the famous winemaker, Isaac Fernandez, who has spent more than 25 years producing some of the best wines in the Ribera del Duero region. He seeks to respect the identity of each vineyard and to nurture wines that balance power, finesse and purity with the capacity to age.

**Wine:** The wine is produced at a family owned estate that was started in 2005. They currently own 24 Ha of vineyards, one plot of 17 Ha with 16 year old vines and the other 7 Ha with 13 year old vines. One has mostly chalky soils and the other clay with gravel, both are located 800 meters above sea level in

Tudela de Duero. This new addition to the Isaac Fernandez Selección portfolio is a return to his winemaking roots just outside of Ribera del Duero.

Fruit for this wine was hand harvested. Both alcoholic and malolactic fermentations occurred in stainless steel tanks. The wine was then aged for 6 months in a combination of 75% French and 25% American oak barrels.

**Reviews:** “Inky ruby. Ripe, spice-accented scents of cherry and dark berries on the perfumed nose. Pliant and appealingly sweet, displaying good depth to its juicy black raspberry, spicecake and floral pastille flavors. Lingers nicely on the finish, which features supple tannins and a refreshing jolt of white pepper. 2016 – 2020”

**89 points** *Vinous*, Central Spain: Tempranillo and Beyond Dec. 2015

“The 2014 Tempranillo “Sensible” from Isaac Fernandez is sourced from relatively young tempranillo vines (under fifteen years of age) in the sub-region of Tudela de Duero. The wine is plenty ripe at 14.5 percent alcohol and offers up a deep bouquet of plums, black cherries, chocolate, gentle balsamic tones and spicy new oak. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, ripe and nicely light on its feet, with good, but not great depth at the core, fine focus and grip, moderate tannins and just a whisper of backend heat on the long finish. This is not overly complex, but it is very well-balanced and tasty. I have had far more egregiously over the top examples of Ribera del Duero that sell for five or six times the cost of this wine, which sells for just thirteen dollars a bottle here in the states! Not bad at all!”

**88 points** *View from the Cellar*, Issue 61 January/February 2016



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