

# A VILLEIRA 2020

*A Villeira is a vineyard designate wine named after the exceptional, grand cru vineyard from where the grapes for this wine are grown.*



- **Type of wine:** Red
- **Region of production:** Valdeorras
- **Year:** 2020
- **Grape varieties:** Mencía, Garnacha Tintorera, Brancellao, Sousón and Merenzao
- **Bottle type:** Burgundy
- **Production and bottle size:** 1,900 bot. 75cl. and 50 bot. 1.5l
- **Aging and barrel type:** 12 months in 6 second used oak barrels

## *Analytical data*

- **Alcohol:** 13.5%
- **Total acidity:** 5.5
- **pH:** 3.5
- **Volatile acidity:** 0.5
- **SO<sub>2</sub> Free/Total:** 25/95
- **Suitable for vegan**

## *The vineyard*

A Villeira is located in the village of Las Ermitas, near Valbuxán, in the northernmost area of Valdeorras where the Bibei River separates from Ribeira Sacra. A Villeira is located in the village of Las Ermitas, near Valbuxán, in the northernmost area of Valdeorras where the Bibei River separates from Ribeira Sacra. The plot of approximately 1 acre is located at 700 meters of altitude, with an east orientation. It was planted in 1958 in stone terraces with walls of granite, and soils of poor, shallow and decomposed granite.

Because of its mountainous location, the only way to work the land is by hand or with the help of animals.

Sustainable viticulture is carried out.

## *Winemaking*

Harvest by hand in 15-kilogram crates, allowing for a manual grape selection. The fermentation process with whole grape bunches is carried out in 6 different second used oak barrels of 500 liters, using natural yeast. The wine ages for 12 months in the same oak barrels used for fermentation.

## *Vintage / Harvest description*

The 2020 harvest in Val do Bibei has been the earliest since we arrived, taking place in the third week of September. The winter was marked by cold temperatures and rainfall, followed by a warm summer with high temperatures during the day and cooler nights due to the altitude of As Ermitas (750 m). These weather conditions have resulted in a good and early alcoholic and phenolic maturation of the grapes, giving us a healthy, balanced, fresh and very aromatic vintage.

Higher yields than in 2019 due to lack of any inclement weather during the summer.

## *Tasting notes*

Clean and bright cherry red color. The nose is intense, aromatic, with floral and mineral notes. The palate is fresh, with good acidity, concentration and a long, elegant finish.