

A VILLEIRA

2022

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: 2022

Grape varieties: Mencía, Garnacha tintorera, Brancellao, Suosón and Merenzao

Type of bottle: Burgundy

Production and bottle size: 2,496 bot. 75cl. and 50 bot. 1.5l

Bottling date: 19 January 2024

Ageing and barrel type:

12 months in 4 oak barrels of 500l

Alcoholic volume: 13%

pH: 3.3

SO₂ Free/Total: 25/70

Total acidity: 5.8

Volatile acidity: 0.5

Suitable for vegans



The vineyard

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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

Spontaneous fermentation in a small 25 hl stainless steel tank with 1/3 of the grapes in the bottom of the tank and 2/3 of grapes destemmed without crushing. The wine is not bled until the malolactic fermentation is finished.

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Vintage / Harvest description

Grape plant health was exceptional due to a disease-free summer. The high temperatures and low humidity caused a delay in the vegetative cycle and ripening of the grapes, reaching their cutting time in the last week of September. Despite the hot summer, alcohol levels are very similar to 2021. Los Carismáticos, due to its higher altitude and the area's mesoclimate, with milder daytime temperatures and cooler night-time temperatures, marked differences with respect to the rest. Not so in the quantity of grapes harvested, which unfortunately was a little lower than last year, approximately 10% less than in the previous vintage.

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.