

LOS CARISMÁTICOS 2022

The name of the wine (and with which we christened the vineyard) is a tribute to the religious order of the sanctuary of “As Ermitas”. This has a historical influence in both the region and the vineyards of the village and is visible from nearly all areas of our vineyard.



- **Type of wine:** Red
- **Region of production:** Valdeorras
- **Year:** 2022
- **Grape varieties:** 100% Merenzao
- **Bottle type:** Burgundy
- **Bottling date:** 23rd August 2023
- **Production and bottle size:** 1,786 bot. 75cl. and 50 bot. 1.5l
- **Aging:** 10 months in foudre of 15hl of French oak (Rousseau)

Analytical data

- **Alcohol:** 12.8%
- **Total acidity:** 6
- **pH:** 3.1
- **Volatile acidity:** 0.55
- **SO₂ Free/Total:** 25/60
- **Suitable for vegans**

The vineyard

The Merenzao grapes come from our tiny “Los Carismáticos” vineyard, which, at just over half an acre, is situated on the south bank of the River Bibei in the village of As Ermitas, located in the northern part of Valdeorras. The vineyard is planted in terraces shaped like an amphitheatre, and has poor, shallow and sandy soils consisting of decomposed granite.

The vineyard terraces are made of stone and were hand-built in the 19th century; the vines themselves are more than 50 years old.

The vineyard is subject to a wide variety of climatic exposures.

The mountainous relief of the area means that the only way to work the soil is either manually or with animals.

Sustainable viticulture techniques are in place.

Winemaking

The harvest is carried out manually by hand, allowing for rigid grape selection. The grapes are transported in 15-kilogram crates. Spontaneous fermentation in 4 oak barrels of 550 liters, starting with whole grape bunches, removing the stem progressively. Natural yeasts are being used.

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

Los Carismáticos is the tale of the recovery of a not-very-appreciated variety, Merenzao, whose wines the local old folk talk about as the most savory and the one they chose to vinify at home for their own consumption. Los Carismáticos is more delicate than other reds from this region and is made with limited extraction and intervention. Its profile is not at all exuberant. It is also known in Valdeorras as Godello Negro, and elsewhere as Trousseau or Trousseau Noir.