

# Val do Galir Mencía 2022

*Val do Galir is made from grapes selected from our vineyard plots in Éntoma.*



- **Type of wine:** Red
- **Region of production:** Valdeorras
- **Year:** 2022
- **Grape varieties:** Mencía and minority mix of other varieties
- **Bottle type:** Burgundy      • **Bottle size:** 750 ml
- **Aging and barrel type:** 9 months in French oak barrels of 500 liters

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### *Analytical data*

- **Alcoholic volume:** 13%
- **Volatile acidity:** 0.6
- **Total acidity:** 5.7
- **SO<sub>2</sub> Free/Total:** 25/70
- **pH:** 3.5

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### *The vineyard*

Val do Galir Mencía is made from grapes specially selected from plots grown on terraces since 1998, within our vineyards located around the village of Entoma – Val do Galir, Valdemioto and Soutiño Novo. Being on terraces, we ensure optimal retention of rainwater to favor rooting and the capture of organic matter. South orientation in the upper part of the terraces of 500m altitude. Clay loam and, predominantly, deep slate soils. Despite the fact that the area usually has warm summers and that the Mencía and the rest of the red varieties mature later, growing on terraces allows us to protect the bunches, leaving a good leaf density and favoring aeration.

What marks the difference is the mestura with other minority varieties such as Brancellao, Sousón or Garnacha Tintorera or Alicante Bouschet. Sustainable viticulture is carried out.

### *Winemaking*

The grapes were hand harvested into 15-kilogram crates and then chilled in a refrigerated chamber before a further 48 hours of cold maceration in the vat prior to fermentation. The grapes were destemmed but not crushed in order to preserve the primary aromas. Fermentation in small (60 hl) stainless steel vats, 1/3 whole grapes with stems and the rest 2/3 destemmed without crushing.

### *Harvest description*

The 2022 harvest in Val do Galir for the mencía grape started in the second week of September, marked by a dry and warm spring and summer, with slightly high temperatures during the day and cool at night, with earlier bud break than in 2021. Moderate alcoholic ripening, with good Ph and excellent fruit health, we believe it is the year of purity. Low yields as a result of the drought.

### *Tasting notes*

The wine has a deep color. The nose shows intense aromas of red and predominantly black fruits accompanied by spicy, fresh and balsamic notes. The palate is balanced and complex, full bodied and with firm tannins. On the palate It is fresh, aromatic and concentrated with balsamic notes. The finish is long and driven by vibrant acidity. A perfect match for rice dishes, game or chocolate. Recommended serving temperature 16°C.