

LADEIRAS DO XIL BRANCO DE SANTA CRUZ VALDEORRAS



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From vineyards scattered around the village of Santa Cruz in O Bolo county, located in the Val do Bibei in the southern part of the Valdeorras appellation, Galicia, Spain. The grapes are co-planted as is traditional. Terraced vineyards between 400-600m above the Bibei river are planted on steep slopes facing south, west and north-west. The soil is granite. The grapes were harvested by hand. Spontaneous fermentation with native yeasts in oak barrels and foudres of various sizes. Aged 10 months.

The pioneering duo of Pablo Eguzkiza and Telmo Rodríguez started working here in 2002. Recognizing the potential to make world-class wines in this incredibly important valley, they began a project that would take more than a decade to come to fruition. The philosophy of their company has always been vineyard first, winery second. The most important piece of the puzzle is the vineyard, and we are now just beginning to see the unfolding of the grandeur of their vision. They have been quietly conducting heroic work in the face of incredible obstacles, as the climate in Galicia is unforgiving.

Since 2014, the project has been led by the young vigneron Jorge Saa. He and his team have been restoring the centuries-old terraces and replanting indigenous varieties as they were in the past: a diverse field blend, near the ancient village of Santa Cruz. Co-planting is essential in this region, and they are cultivating a number of varieties including merenzao, sousón, mencia, godello, treixadura, godello tinto, brancellao, doña blanca, garnacha, and palomino.

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Tasting Note:

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Shelf Talker:

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