

LADEIRAS DO XIL AS CABORCAS VALDEORRAS



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As Caborcas is a single-vineyard red wine that explores the singular expression of the remote and ancient Bibei valley, located on the border of the Valdeorras and Ribeira Sacra appellations in Galicia, Spain. The vineyard is one of the most prized positions by the older generation of Galician farmers. A unique vineyard full of different varieties, of different ages, from different strains, growing at different altitudes and exposures, it covers 6.2 acres, mostly northwest-facing, below the village of Santa Cruz and directly above the Bibei river. The grapes are harvested by hand. Spontaneous fermentation with indigenous yeasts in small wooden and stainless-steel tanks. Blended and aged 12 months in used foudres.

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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