

Bierzo Mencía 2015

Bierzo, Galicia, Spain



PRODUCER

As well as their work in pioneering the whites of Galicia, Luciano Amoedo and Katia Álvarez of Martín Códax also make wines in Bierzo. The Bierzo DO lies further inland from Rías Baixas, with a slightly warmer climate where Mencía is the native variety.

VINEYARDS

The discovery of four bear footprints in a magnificent vineyard in the highest areas of the Bierzo inspired the name of this wine - Cuatro Pasos or Four Steps. The wine is made from 100% Mencía grapes that are chosen from vines of over 80 years old, found in slate soil vineyards located in the high areas of the Bierzo region.

VINTAGE

It was a long dry summer in 2015, but there was no water stress on the vines. Good quality fruit was harvested with excellent balance of acidity, sugar and phenolics.

VINIFICATION

After destemming and crushing, a pre-fermentation maceration took place at 12°C. Fermentation took place in stainless steel vats at a controlled temperature of 24-26°C. After vinification, the wine was matured for two - three months in French (75%) and American (25%) oak barrels.

TASTING NOTES

Morello cherry red in colour with violet reflections. The varietal aromas of red fruits dominate the bouquet with a subtle hint of vanilla from the oak toasting. The palate is elegant and balanced, with a fruit-driven finish.

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| Grape Varieties | 100% Mencía |
| Winemaker | Katia Álvarez |
| Closure | Double Disk |
| ABV | 13.5% |
| Bottle Sizes | 75cl |