#### 32779 Santa Cruz, Ourense

### LADEIRAS DO XIL / Valdeorras

# A Falcoeira (2017)

We are very proud of what our 2,75 hectares of Falcoeira represent. Falcoeira in the past has always been the most important vineyard of Santa Cruz, wide and perfectly exposed to the south. Asking the older vine growers about the best place in Valdeorras, they always pointed out this vineyard. When we went there, it didn't exist and we had to reclaim and replant the almost 100 ancient and abandoned terraces shaped in an amazing amphitheatre around the Bibei river. Our efforts to recover this "Grand Cru" have been and are immense. Intense and profound, this wine is like the place it comes from.

REGION

Ladeiras do Bibei (Valdeorras)

VILLAGE Santa Cruz

PLACE A Falcoeira

VARIETIES

Replanted with traditional varieties selected from our very best old vineyards: Mencia, Brancellao, Sousón, "Garnacha"...

#### VITICULTURE

Organically farmed vineyard. Bushvines. Manual harvest in boxes.

ELABORATION AND AGING Native yeasts. Aging in foudres.

#### SOILS

Granitic soils, acidic, poor and coarse textured, at an elevation of 400 to 600 meters on narrow, vertiginous terraces of steep, south-facing slopes.

## VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

It surely was the terrible frost at the end of April that marked the 2017 vintage. Its low altitude and proximity to the Bibei river made Falcoeira more vulnerable than any other vineyard. This meant that we were able to produce just over 1,000 bottles from this extraordinarily warm, dry and early vintage. However, it offered a unique, rich and complex wine.

BOTTLES PRODUCED 1,176

