32779 Santa Cruz, Ourense

LADEIRAS DO XIL / Valdeorras

O Diviso (2016)

At O Diviso in the village of As Ermitas, our intuition came true. We fell in love with this vineyard when we first visited it in 1993. Its steep slopes slightly hidden among chestnut trees, its high altitude and its west and northwest exposure have always made us feel its uniqueness. This perception became real when we started working on this 2,9 ha plot in 2011. We maintained 1,2 ha of old vines and are still in the process of re-establishing 1,7 ha.

O Diviso is probably the most authentic expression of Valdeorras on the slopes of the Bibei river.

REGION

Ladeiras do Bibei (Valdeorras)

VILLAGE

As Ermitas

PLACE

O Diviso

VARIETIES

Mencía, "Garnacha", Merenzao and other varieties

VITICULTURE

Organically farmed vineyards. Bushvines.

Manual harvest in boxes.

ELABORATION AND AGING

Native yeasts. Elaboration in small wooden tanks and gentle aging for 12 months in wooden foudres.

SOILS

Terrassed vineyard located at 550 to 725 meters asl above the Bibei river, on steep slopes facing west and northwest. The soils of granitic origin are shallow, acidic and coarse textured.

VINTAGE CHARACTERISTICS

Although the first months of the year were very wet, 2016 was characterized by extremely dry summer months which were also hotter than usual. The vines were affected by water stress and responded with a certain blockage which delayed the ripening of the fruit. Compared to 2015, the wines are lower in alcohol and also extremely well balanced. The O Diviso 2016 is raising the bar in Valdeorras.

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