



GUÍMARO

BLANCO 2021

ORIGIN

Ribeira Sacra, Galicia, Spain.

VARIETIES

Mostly Godello, with small amounts of other local varieties.

VINEYARD

From a mix of older vineyards around Amandi that are planted on slate soils at 300-350m elevation. Most of the vines are over 50 years old.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were harvested by hand and fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tank with native yeasts. Malolactic conversion was blocked, and the wine rested in tank before bottling without fining or filtering.

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 12%

PRODUCER PROFILE

Pedro Rodríguez of Adegas Guímaro descends from a long line of *winegrowers* working in the Amandi area, Ribeira Sacra's most prime subzone of perilously steep south facing vineyards planted on local *Losa* slate, just above the river Sil. The previous generation, his parents Manolo and Carmen, still work with him in the vines. They named their winery Guímaro (meaning "rebel" in Gallego) when they established it in 1991. In the past, Pedro's family had produced small quantities of wine for their own consumption and sold their wine in *garrafoles* - 20-liter glass containers - to local cantinas. In the early 1990s, they began to bottle their wines, and Guímaro was one of the first *adegas* to join the Ribeira Sacra appellation when it was founded in 1996. Like other traditional winemaking regions of inland Galicia, the area was in steep decline until the early 1990s. Pedro's winemaking has been and is resolutely traditional: for the single vineyard wines, they employ wild yeast fermentation, foot treading in open-top vessels, stem inclusion, low sulfur additions, and fermentation and aging in used foudre.

VINTAGE REPORT

2021 was a fascinating vintage in Galicia, especially in Ribeira Sacra. It brought to mind vintages from the 90's: a rainy winter and early spring, a long, cool, and somewhat wet summer, and a drier fall. All of the area's wines have less ripeness, less alcohol, and more acid.

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