

# GUÍMARO

## Vintage Guide

The wines from Adega Guímaro in Ribeira Sacra are beautifully vintage expressive.

We hope this brief guide through the past few years will be helpful in understanding the recent history of the estate and the appellation.

**2023** Heavy rain from the end of harvest '22 until February brought the previous year's drought to an end, and yields were generous in '23. Mildew pressures and high volumes meant an intense growing season, but results were generally very balanced.

**2022** Intensely dry and warm, this vintage was a struggle. Yields were down, especially for Mencía, and while the wines have a higher pH than the last few years, the grapes were healthy and had great character of fruit.

**2021** A cool and moderately wet vintage, '21 was ideal for the creation of lower alcohol, older-styled wines in Ribeira Sacra. Many remarked that the vintage resembled a great year in their parents or grandparents time, and the wines are less concentrated than is now standard.

**2020** A warm and wet spring meant early budding and intense mildew pressure. A drier summer gave a bit of rest, but the humid fall led to early harvest and lower yields as mildew returned. The wines show good balance and fruit: an outstanding year for the parcel wines at Guímaro.

**2019** A particularly large and successful vintage in Ribeira Sacra, owing to relative dryness in the spring, the absence of frost or hail, and little mildew pressure. A great vintage.

**2018** A complicated vintage that produced very good wines. Ribeira Sacra struggled with spring hail and some mildew pressure in the fall, but a dry and long summer yielded high quality wines in slightly lowered quantities.

