

José Pastor Selections

IMPORTER OF FINE IBERIAN WINES

Grower Pedro Rodriguez

Appellation Ribeira Sacra

Subzone/Locality Amandi

Climate Atlantic

Varieties Mencía, Merenzao, Brancellao,
Caiño, Sousón

Soil Slate, Granite, Quartz & Sand

Elevation 550 meters

Vine Age 15 years

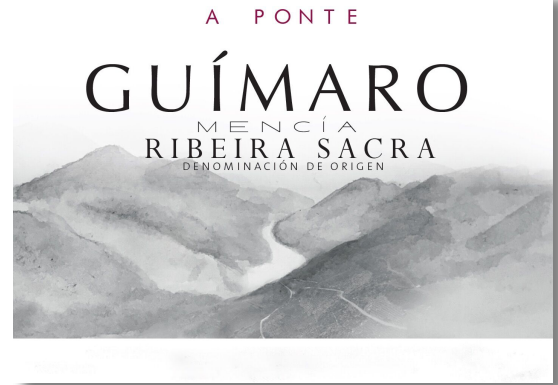
Pruning Espaldera

Farming Practicing organic

Production 333 cases (6pk)

Guímaro

A Ponte 2015



The young and ambitious **Pedro Rodriguez** descends from a long line of *colleiteiros* working in the Amandi area, Ribeira Sacra's most prime subzone with south facing vineyards planted on slate just above the river Sil. His parents Manolo and Carmen still work the vineyards daily alongside him. The family also maintains a small finca of mixed agriculture, raising chickens, rabbits, pigs, and cultivating a sizable vegetable patch. The culmination of the family's agrarian traditions manifested with the establishment of their *adega* in 1991. They named their winery after Pedro's grandfather, who's nickname "Guímaro" means rebel in their local dialect.

Ribeira Sacra means "Sacred Banks" in Gallego, the local Galician dialect that splits the difference between Spanish and Portuguese. The Romans came to this green, northwest corner of Iberia some 2,000 years ago and were the first to terrace the slopes and plant vines in Ribeira Sacra. Historically, the most famous Galician wines come from the Amandi area, the area that runs along the river Sil with the steepest south facing vineyards, planted on predominately slate and schiste soils.

A Ponte is a new cuvée (2015 is the inaugural vintage) from a young plot planted above Finca Meixeman, comprised of Mencía, Sousón, Brancellao, Merenzao and Caiño grown on granite, slate and sand. Grapes are hand-harvested, fermented whole-cluster in tank with 50 days maceration, then raised in eight used Burgundy barrels for around 14 months. The finished wine was bottled without fining or filtration.