

José Pastor Selections

IMPORTER OF FINE IBERIAN WINES

Grower Raul Suarez

Appellation Ribeira Sacra

Subzone Ribeiras do Miño

Climate Atlantic

Varieties Mencía, Alicante Bouschet

Soil Granite

Elevation 300-400 meters

Vine Age 55-75 years

Pruning En Vaso & Espaldera

Farming Practicing organic

Production 333 cases (6pk)

Divina Clementia

Tinto 2015

750 ML

13%VOL



Raul Suarez recently took over his 4th generation family's vineyard parcels in Ribeira Sacra, located in the Ribeiras do Miño subzone. In 2011, Raul began working with Pedro Rodriguez Perez of Adegas Guímaro, a friend and neighbor. Raul was able to rent a small corner of the winery to ferment and age his wine, as well as soak up some Guímaro wisdom along the way.

The **Ribeiras do Miño** is one of five subzones within the D.O. and is situated between the Chantada and Amandi subzones, along the eastern banks of the Miño River and north of the River Sil. This is one of the cooler & greener subzones, and the soils are primarily decomposed granite having a lower pH, which means the grapes have a longer growing season, with high acidity, fine tannins, more elegance, and lower alcohol levels than neighboring Amandi.

Raul Suarez makes only one wine, from one hectare of vines planted by his grandfather, and comprised of **Mencía** with a small amount of **Alicante Bouschet** co-planted. The grapes are hand-harvested and foot-trodden with 30% stems included. Primary fermentation is in steel tank, followed by malolactic in used French barrels, where the wine is aged for 10-12 months before being bottled without fining, filtration and very little SO₂. This is an aromatic and powerful expression of Miño terroir, with notes of red and dark fruits, violets, black pepper, and mineral, showing both broad and linear on the palate, making this ideal to pair with roast pork with herbs and game birds roasted on a spit or stewed.