



LA SENDA

VINDEMIATRIX 2022

ORIGIN

Hervededo, Bierzo, Galicia.

VARIETIES

80% Mencía, 20% Palomino & Doña Blanca.

VINEYARD

From 7 organically farmed old-vine parcels in the hills surrounding the village of Hervededo. Most of the parcels are red and white grapes inter-planted, so Diego co-ferments the different native grape varieties, as was done in the past. The soils are mainly clay-calcareous, and the elevation is around 550 meters.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The grapes were hand-harvested, destemmed, macerated for 4-5 days and fermented and raised in unlined concrete tanks for 7 months. The finished wine is bottled without fining, filtration, and a small addition of SO₂.

PROPERTIES

Alcohol: 11.5%
Sulfites: 20mg/L
pH: 3.78
Bottles made: 11,687



PRODUCER PROFILE

Diego Losada is a Bierzo native who, after working at a couple bigger wineries, struck out on his own with his project La Senda (meaning “the path” or “the way”) in 2013. He works organically with just over 5 hectares of 60+ year old vineyards at elevations of over 600 feet, about 15 parcels in total. He looks for bush vine vineyards that are not easily accessible by road and planted on either clay-calcareous or slate soils since they are less likely to be exposed to chemical treatments. In the winery, Diego works with a mix of unlined concrete vats and older oak & chestnut casks and foudre with no pumps or SO₂ additions. The Bierzo appellation is at the northwest corner of Castilla y León, bordering Galicia. The rolling hills are full of abandoned gold, iron and magnesium mines from centuries past.

VINTAGE REPORT

2022 began with a dry and cold winter, then a rainy and temperate spring. Most notably, however, was the succession of heat waves that started in early May: record temperatures (up to 42 degrees Celsius) and limited rain meant that there was little to no disease pressure (unlike '21) but forced the vines to stop producing sugars and delayed ripening. Much needed rains in August helped restart the normal process and in the end, the results of the vintage were very high in quality, although these extremes of temperature and aridity are likely damaging to the vines in the long term.

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