## José Pastor Selections PIONEERING GROWER-PRODUCED FINE IBERIAN WINES

**Grower** Luis Anxo Rodriguez Vazquez

**Appellation** Ribeiro

**Subzone/Locality** Arnoia

Climate Atlantic, Continental

Varieties Treixadura, Albariño,

Torrontés, Lado

**Soil** Granite, Sand

**Elevation** 100-230 meters

Vine Age 10-25 years

**Pruning** Espaldera

**Farming** Lutte Raisonée

**Production** 9,600 bottles

## Viña de Martin

Os Pasás



Luis Rodriguez established his bodega in 1988 with the goal of making terruño-driven wines from indigenous grape varieties, grapes like Treixadura and Caiño that were on the verge of extinction at the time. Luis has slowly accumulated 5 hectares comprised of nearly 100 micro-parcels, mostly located on the steep, southwest-facing, granitic hillsides of his hometown of Arnoia. Luis makes wine in the same cellar as his grandfather, where he utilizes native yeasts, judicious SO2, and practices élevage in mostly used, larger French oak barrels.

The **Ribeiro D.O.** is an ancient Galician wine region located 45 miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean, just north of Portugal. Ribeiro had historically produced Spain's most prestigious white wines, but in the early 20th century oidium, phylloxera, and war devastated the region and Ribeiro's wines lost favor. Native vines were torn up, and Palomino was widely planted due to its higher yields. Cooperatives took over most of the production. By utilizing a mix of old-fashioned and modern winegrowing methods, Luis and a few others are responsible for the revitalization of artisanal Ribeiro winegrowing.

The grapes for **Os Pasas Blanco** come from steep, terraced hillsides and is comprised of mostly Treixadura, a variety known for producing delicate, peachy, and flinty wines ideal for blending with the higher acid grape varieties like Albariño and Lado, and the floral Torrontés. The grapes are hand-harvested, fermented spontaneously with native yeasts in steel vat, and raised on the lees in vat for 10-12 months. It is a fresh light to medium-bodied *vinho branco* with beautiful structure and subtle flavors of citrus, honey, and seashell minerality.