

O Gran Meín Castes Brancas is a wine that projects the Avia valley. The expression of Ribeiro's smallholder culture is rooted in the Meín plot and its surrounding vineyards, accentuating the characteristics of this environment. Defined by precise viticulture and winemaking techniques, respect for its ancient wine production heritage, and drive to enrich one of the most historic plots in this area. O Gran Meín 2019 features the native Ribeiro varieties: treixadura, torrontés, albariño, godello, loureira, caíño blanco and lado. A prestigious interpretation of historic Ribeiro wine.

Freshness infused with evocative aromas. A well-orchestrated harmony of citrus fruits and flowers in perfect balance on the nose. Intense, delicate and pure on the palate.

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A complex climatic year

The 2019 vintage started with cold and dry weather, including some frosts. At the end of January, the trend changed and the year began to accumulate abundant rainfall until the arrival of spring. A dry May prevented serious fungal attacks on the vineyard. The summer was hot and dry, especially in August. This situation allowed the vines to remain in good health until the end of the cycle without causing great stress to the vines. The harvest began on September 9 and ended on October 3. It was a classic Galician harvest, with sunny days interspersed with rainy days. This weather made for a slow picking. Several harvests were carried out in each vineyard, separating each variety and each plot, which allowed each grape to be picked at its optimum ripeness.

A landscape of plots

The historic Meín plot – a working vineyard off-and-on since the 12th century – is the primary source of grapes for this wine. Its surrounding plots, each with varying slopes, aspects and exposures, are blended with the Meín



plot to enhance the expression of this unique landscape. O Gran Meín Castes Brancas 2019 presents a mosaic of terraced-vines grown in «sábrego» – the Galician word for the decomposed granite soil prevalent in this region. The cooling breezes coming off the Atlantic Ocean help soften its continental climate, but nevertheless, these plots require exhaustive attention to detail and constant vigilance.

Extreme precision

O Gran Meín Castes Brancas is made entirely from varieties native to Ribeiro: primarily treixadura, which coexists harmoniously with albariño, torrontés, godello, loureira, caíño blanco and lado. Precise viticulture practices in the vineyard lead way to an extremely careful winemaking process. Each plot and variety is kept separate from the rest in stainless steel, concrete or oak vats in order to extract the purest and most energetic expression of the terroir. After aging for 12 months on lees, it was bottled in autumn of 2020.