

LOS CARISMÁTICOS 2018

The name of the wine (and with which we christened the vineyard) is a tribute to the religious order of the sanctuary of “As Ermitas”. This has a historical influence in both the region and the vineyards of the village and is visible from nearly all areas of our vineyard.



- **Type of wine:** Red
- **Region of production:** Valdeorras
- **Year:** 2018
- **Grape varieties:** 100% Merenzao
- **Bottle type:** Burgundy • **Bottle size:** 750 ml
- **Aging:** 10 months in two 500l oak barrels and 3 months in concrete tanks

Analytical data

- **Alcoholic volume:** 12.5%
- **Volatile acidity:** 0.56
- **Total acidity:** 5.75
- **SO₂ Free/Total:** 20/60
- **pH:** 3.4
- **Suitable for vegans**

The vineyard

The Merenzao grapes come from our tiny “Los Carismáticos” vineyard, which, at just over half an acre, is situated on the south bank of the River Bibei in the village of As Ermitas, located in the northern part of Valdeorras. This vineyard has poor, shallow, sandy soils consisting of decomposed granite.

The vineyard terraces are made of stone and were hand-built in the 19th century; the vines themselves are more than 50 years old. It is subject to a wide variety of climatic exposures.

The mountainous relief of the area means that the only way to work the soil is either manually or with animals.

Sustainable viticulture techniques are in place.

Winemaking

The harvest was by hand, allowing for rigid grape selection. The grapes were transported in 15-kilogram crates. Fermentation was spontaneous using wild yeasts in four 500 liter barrels, commencing with whole bunches combined with progressive stem removal.

Vintage / Harvest description

The 2018 harvest took place during the first week of October. Characterized by a dry summer which led to full ripening of the grapes and resulted in a fresh, aromatic vintage. Yields were down due to rainfall during flowering.

Tasting notes

Los Carismáticos is the tale of a recovery of a not-very-appreciated variety, Merenzao, whose wines the local old folk talk about as the most savory; and the one they chose to vinify at home for their own consumption. Los Carismáticos is more delicate than other reds from this region and is made with limited extraction and intervention. Its profile is not at all exuberant. It is also known in Valdeorras as Godello Negro, and elsewhere as Trousseau or Trousseau Noir.