

2019 Virgen del Galir Pagos del Galir A Malosa Godello

The single-vineyard 2019 Pagos del Galir A Malosa Godello comes from a vineyard of 21 hectares planted over four years after purchasing 10 separate plots. Such a large vineyard has diverse soils—schist, slate, silt and clay—with altitudes ranging between 400 and 600 meters. This 2019 comes from the lower terraces, rich in slate and planted first, four hectares from 2015. It fermented in a 7,000-liter stainless steel vat, a 2,000-liter oak vat and two 600-liter clay amphorae (tinajas) with indigenous yeasts, and it matured with lees for six months, except the part in stainless steel that was transferred to used 500-liter oak barrels. This has a less reductive profile, having been fermented and matured in different containers (not only stainless steel, as is the case of the Maruxa), and it also comes from more schistous soils and has a more herbal and floral touch, even a bit of fennel. It's tastier and more expressive and has a...

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2018 Virgen del Galir Los Carismáticos

The 2018 Los Carismáticos is a rare Merenzao (Trousseau) bottling from a small 0.3-hectare plot in the zone of As Ermitas planted 50+ years ago on decomposed granite soils. The grape used is also called Bastardo, María Ordoña or Godello Negro locally, and there are no more than 5,000 kilos produced in the whole appellation. It fermented with full clusters in open-top 500-liter oak barrels, where it matured for 10 months followed by three months in concrete. This is a different zone from Éntoma where they have their main vineyard, this is the Bibei Valley, where the soils are granite. This is a bright ruby color, translucent and with a perfumed, floral and delicate nose, quite varietal, a little ascetic and serious, with a fresh, herbal side to it. The palate is intensely mineral and has fine-grained, chalky tannins. This is a delicate variety with thin skins, so you have to be careful with it. 2018 was a challenging year, but for...

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2018 Virgen del Galir A Villeira

The red blend 2018 A Villeira was produced with mostly Mencía and some Garnacha Tintorera, Brancellao, Sousón and Merenzao from a plot on granite soils in the zone of As Ermitas in the more western part of Valdeorras where the soils are granite based. It's 0.4 hectares planted in 1958 on 12 small terraces. There is an old, small winery in the process of being restored, and they plan to ferment this wine there. It fermented in 500-liter oak barrels, where it matured for 12 months. This is a serious red, with the somewhat savage character of the reds from the zone (this is just by the O Diviso vineyard from Telmo Rodríguez), with notes of wild herbs, flowers and berries. It has a medium-bodied palate with the vibrant sensation from 2018, a freshness that comes from the zone and the granite soils too. This should develop nicely in bottle. 1,300 bottles produced. It was bottled in January 2020.

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2018 Virgen del Galir Regueirón

The white 2018 Regueirón was produced with Godello grapes from one 0.6-hectare vineyard planted 25 years ago; the vineyard also contains a little Treixadura and Albariño on a slate-terraced slope. This fermented in four 500-liter oak barrels and a 700-liter concrete vat, where the wine matured for 16 months. This is serious, austere, a little closed but at the same time more relaxed and less reductive, like it's more harmonious. It's a white with energy and finesse, more insinuating, nuanced and subtle. This is already impressive, but it should develop nicely in bottle. This was the first time they vinified this plot, which is impressive. 3,400 bottles and 60 magnums produced. It was bottled in March 2020.

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