¿Por Qué No? **SELECTIONS**

EULOGIO POMARES (DO Ribeira Sacra)





Eulogio Pomares Xabre Mencía 2022

90% Mencía/5% Sousón/3% Mouratón/2% Garnacha Tintorera

Aging: 10 months puncheon, 6 months foudre, 6 months bottle

Vineyard: Sustainable. No herbicides.

Alcohol: 13.5% Alc by Vol **Production: 1,902 bottles**

Background: Eulogio Pomares is one of the geniuses of Galician winemaking. He is best known for his family's Zarate estate in Salnés, where he crafts some of the region's most coveted wines. Excited to work with vineyards outside of the family estate and Rías Baixas, Eulogio and his wife Rebeca started Fento, where they work with vineyards around Rías Baixas, Ribeira Sacra, and beyond.

Grapes: 15-80 year-old vines from a terraced vineyard in the Quiroga-Bibei sub-area of Ribeira Sacra. 90% Mencía, 5% Sousón, 3% Mouratón (Juan Garcia), and 2% Garnacha Tintorera (Alicante Bouchet).

Soils/Climate: The vineyard's soils span 300-700 meters in elevation and are rich and varied, sometimes sandy with abundant granite, sometimes with clay and slate.

Viticulture: Sustainable. No herbicides.

Winemaking: 100% destemmed "to reflect the fragrance of the fruit". 2-day cold soak followed by spontaneous fermentation in open top, 2000L foudre. 20 days maceration. Aged first in used, 500L puncheons for 10 months, followed by blending into 4500L foudre, where it spends 6 months. Bottled unfined/unfiltered, where it is held for a minimum of 6 months prior to release.

