## POR QUÉ NO?

## AKILIA (DO Bierzo)





Akilia "Villa de San Lorenzo" Mencia 2014

98% Mencia/2% Garnacha Tintorera (Alicante Bouchet)

Aging: Concrete and 12 months neutral French oak.

Vineyard: Organic in practice Alcohol: 12.5% Alc by Vol Production: 9,200 bottles

**Background:** After his training at La Fleur Petrus and Quintessa, Mario Rovira set out to find a region with old vines, indigenous varieties, with interesting soils, slopes and a cool climate. He settled on the San Lorenzo district of Bierzo. The San Lorenzo district of Bierzo is higher and cooler than where most small producers work, although there is interest growing in the area, Mario remains the only quality-oriented producer in the village. The project is owned by Mario and his mother Marisol.

**Grapes:** Mostly Mencia with ~2% Garnacha Tintorera (Alicante Bouchet). Primarily from the 75-year-old Fontairo vineyard and some from the 95-year-old Villarín vineyard.

**Soils/Climate:** Fontairo is slate and clay and west facing, Villarín is quartz and sand and east facing. Cool climate with cold nights.

Viticulture: Organic in practice.

Winemaking: Spontaneous fermentation, low SO2, unfined, unfiltered.

