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Ribeiras  
de Armea

CASA BEADE (VdT Betanzos, Galicia)



Casa Beade Ribeiras de Armea Blanco 2019

80% Branco Lexítimo (Albarín Blanco)/20% Agudelo (Chenin Blanc)

**Aging:** 12 months in a combination of 500L used oak, 225L used oak, and stainless steel.

**Vineyard:** Sustainable

**Alcohol:** 13% Alc by Vol

**Production:** 108 cases

**Background:** Casa Beade (Adega Beade in Galician) is produced by Jose Luis Beade, who learned winemaking from his grandfather and later Jose Luis Mateos of Quinta de Muradella. He farms 6 acres divided into 22 plots (!) in cold, wet Betanzos, the northernmost traditional grape growing region of Spain. Jose Luis crafts extremely limited, pure, austere examples of the local grapes. He is working to revive viticulture in this exceptional wine growing region, where only 75 acres remain of the 2,500 that existed in the 18th century.

**Grapes:** A blend of 80% Branco Lexítimo (Albarín Blanco) and 20% Agudelo (Chenin Blanc) from vines averaging 40 years old.

**Soils/Climate:** Planted in granite, schist, shale, and clay soils in the cool, humid, climate from the northernmost grape growing region in Spain.

**Viticulture:** Owing to the climate, viticulture is extremely difficult here, and mildew is a constant pressure. Jose Luis is in the vineyards daily to maintain cover crops, leaf thin, dropping undeveloped clusters, and so on, to minimize any non-organic treatments. Organic viticulture in coastal Galicia was thought impossible until the last few years, and Jose Luis aims to join this small cohort.

**Winemaking:** 12 months in a combination of 500L used oak, 225L used oak, and stainless steel. Spontaneous fermentations. No clarification. No stabilization.



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