



CASA AURORA

VINO DE PUEBLO, CLOS PEPIN (ALBARES, BIERZO ALTO)



VINTAGE	2022
COUNTRY	Spain
REGION	Bierzo
APPELLATION	Bierzo Alto
WINE TYPE	Red
VARIETIES	60% Mencía, 40% Garnacha Tintorera, Palomino, Garnacha
ORGANIC	Organic (EU certified)
VINEYARD	Two vineyards both around 70 years old at 810-970m
SOIL	Clay
VITICULTURE	Dry farmed, hand harvested grapes, organic practices
VINIFICATION	Grapes are destemmed and fermented with indigenous yeast in flex tank eggs
AGING	Aged for 13 months in barrel, flextank egg, and amphora.
ABV%	13%
PRODUCTION	6,036 btls produced
BOTTLE UPC	8437014733129

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Casa Aurora is German Blanco's homage to his great-grandmother, one of the first female miners in Spain, who raised him in Albares de la Ribera, a small village in Leon.

Here, in a tiny hamlet just outside the Bierzo DO, German makes pure wines from micro-vineyards that dot the landscape, and are usually planted with very old vines of a variety of different grapes: Palomino, Mencia, Tintorera, Merenzao, Godello, Garnacha... The high-altitude and the iron-rich clay soils of the area gives these mountain wines a great balance between a soft mouthfeel and firm tannins. There is also a fair amount of granitic rocks in the terroir, and these are probably responsible for the floral, distinctive aromas of the wines.

His line-up consists of a few single-vineyard labeled wines, as well as regional ones, and the production - under 10.000 bottles - comes from a mix of purchased fruit as well as from owned vineyards. He farms organically and the wines, made in a tiny cellar as charming as his labels, are made from spontaneous fermentations in a variety of vessels, including amphorae, old foudres, and tanks.