

FINCA MÍLLARA



D.O. Overview :

Under Vine : 1,258 ha (3,108 ac)

Vineyard Elevation Range : 400-500 m
(1,312-1,640 ft)

Climate : Continental with Atlantic influences

Soil Types : Granite, slate and limestone

Primary Red : Mencía, Grand Noir, Brancellao, Merenzao

Primary White : Albariño, Godello, Treixadura, Loureira, Torrontés, Dona Blanca

ORIGIN

D.O. Ribeira Sacra | Ribeiras do Miño, Galicia

DESIGNATION

Cuesta de los Olivos

VARIETY

100% Mencía

VINEYARD

The Cuesta de los Olivos vineyard, on south-facing slopes of decomposing red slate, is surrounded by olive trees on Finca Millara's original terraces.

ALCOHOL

12.5%

PROCESS

After hand-harvesting and sorting, the grapes are processed with into French oak foudres for a native fermentation. Depending on vintage, a varying percentage of stems will be included. Aged for three months in French oak barriques.

TASTING

A fresh and cheerful Mencía where fruit is the principal character. The short maceration and stem inclusion during fermentation give this wine a Burgundian vibe. Hints of rosemary and wet slate appear on the palate.

WINERY

Finca Millara was built on the vision of Fernando de Santiago, an undertaking he kicked off nearly 20 years ago. To amass enough workable vineyard acreage, Fernando reached out to hundreds of small property owners, many with sites that had been long abandoned of farming; he has spent years rehabbing and replanting vines and rebuilding their original stone terraces. The vineyards are maintained now as they were; worked by hand on the impossibly steep slopes above the Miño River without the use of herbicides.

WINEMAKER

Finca Millara's modern facility is under the care of oenologist Julio Jose Mourelle Lopez. Julio has around the world experience, most notably advising Stags Leap and Sterling Vineyards in Napa as well as Dominio de Valdepeña (which belongs to Marqués de Griñón) in Spain.