



## CASA AURORA

# VINO DE PUEBLO, LA NAVE (ALBARES, BIERZO ALTO)



VINTAGE	2023
COUNTRY	Spain
REGION	Bierzo
APPELLATION	Bierzo Alto
WINE TYPE	Red
VARIETIES	85% Mencia, 15% Tintorera & Palomino
ORGANIC	Organic (EU certified)
VINEYARD	Around 75 year old vines at 810-970m elevation
SOIL	Clay
VITICULTURE	Dry farmed, hand harvested grapes, organic farming
VINIFICATION	Grapes are destemmed and fermented with indigenous yeasts in open barrels; malolactic completed.
AGING	Aged for 13 months in multiple vessels (French oak foudre, used French Oak, Stainless steel and flex tank eggs).
ABV%	13%
PRODUCTION	7,000 bottles produced
BOTTLE UPC	8437014733082

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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.