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Algueira - 75 cl.



A rarity in the Algueira range. After phylloxera, a lot of Grenache Teinturier, aka alicante Bouschet was plated in the region, for it was a high yield grape. Most of the vines have been abandoned since then, but what remains - which means 70 years old vines at least - can yield superb results.

Assembly
Tintorera (100%)

Region:
Galicia

Appellation:
D.O. Ribeira Sacra

Wine estate:
Algueira

Biological

Vinification
The traditional Algueira winemaking: fermentation in 600 liter open casks. Foot-treading. Indigenous yeasts. Whole bunches, no destemming. The wine is the aged for 11 months in oak barrels (not new).

Storage potential
5 to 10 years.

To serve
Serve at cellar temperature in a large Burgundy-style glass.

Trial analysis
The darkest colour of the whole range, with some clearer reflections. Wild strawberries, raspberries and gooseberries on the nose, mingled with some thyme and rosemary. Solid, structured wine on the palate, but fresh. One thinks of some Bierzo Mencias. No doubt, one the the best bottles of Tintorera!

Description domain

The work of a life time, that of Fernando Gonzalez, who started to recuperate old vines, almost abandoned, some 25 years ago. After rebuilding the walls that protect them from erosion, he started to make wine again with them. This heroic, extreme cultivation takes place on slopes up to 85%. Today, Fernando owns 16 hectares on the slopes, more than 40 blocks of vines, mainly planted with red varieties. Raúl Pérez transmitted to him his wine philosophy: wine is made in the vine, with a deep respect for the territory and its identity.