

CASAL DE ARMÁN (D.O. Ribeiro, Spain)

Casal de Armán was founded in the late 1990's by the González family, who have been making Ribeiro wines since the 19th century. The winery property is an 18th century court, located in San Andres, Ribadavia Ourense, in Northwest Spain, Galicia, with an old manor house that has been converted into a country hotel.

A family owned winery with 50 acres of its own vineyards in the historic valley of the Avia River, D.O. Ribeiro. The vineyards are terraced along the river banks with heights ranging from 650-1500 feet above sea level. Estate vineyards include "Socalcos" (terraced vineyards) previously abandoned, some over 100 years old, which the family is in the process of recovering.

Soil is primarily granite based, "sábrego", but also includes slate schist and sand. The wine making philosophy of Casal de Armán is to preserve the best practices of their ancestors, with minimal intervention in the vineyard and no use of herbicides. Strict control of temperature in the winery ensures that the indigenous varieties achieve maximum expression in the wines.

The vineyards are dedicated to cultivating indigenous varietals including white varieties, Treixadura principally, Godello, Albariño, Loureiro and also reds, Brancellao, Caiño Longo and Sousón. The grapes are handpicked and 100% of their wines are estate fruit. Felicísimo Pereira, the new Ribeiro Appellation's president and Javier González Vázquez are the winemakers at Casal de Armán.

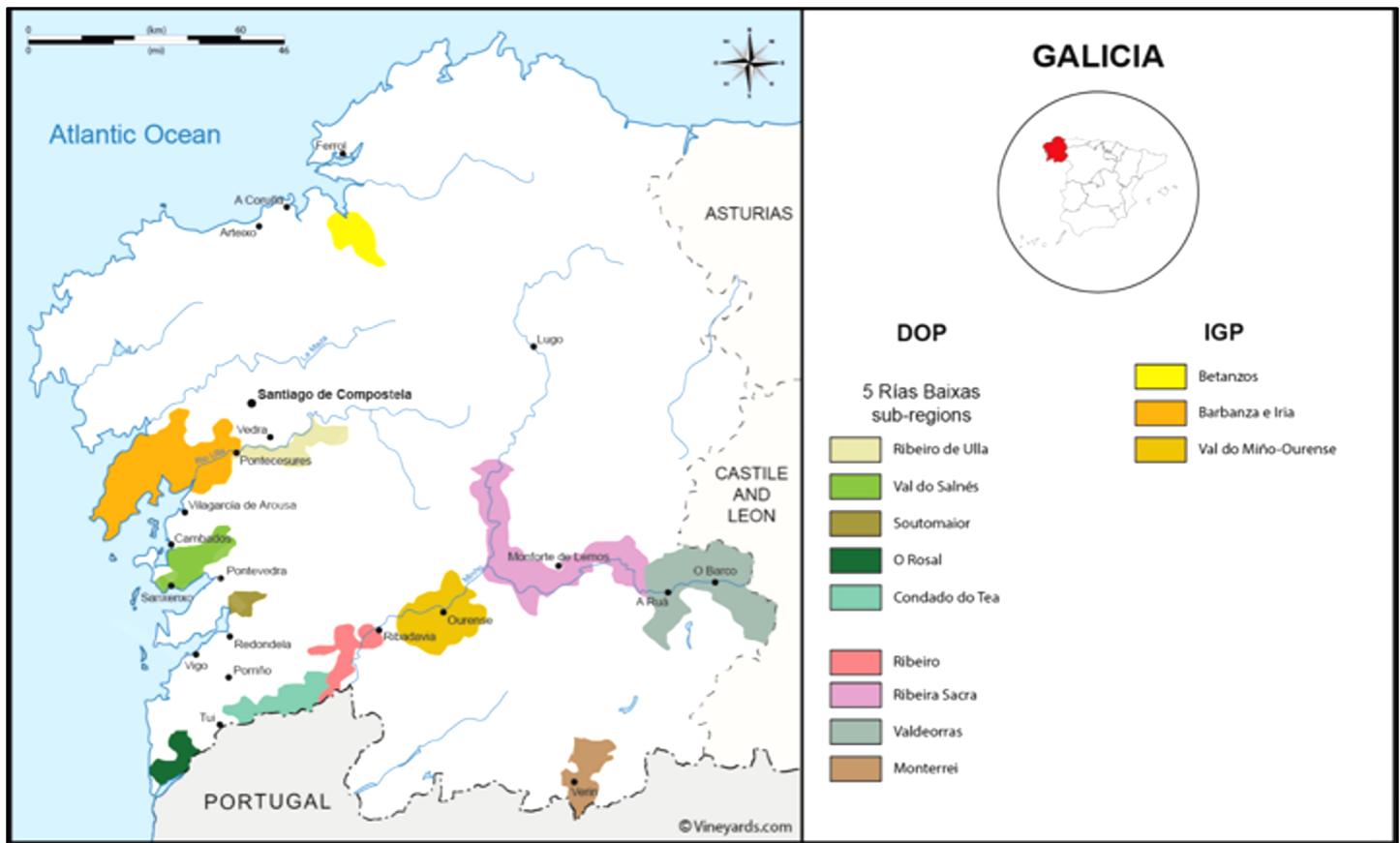


"Best of Ribeiro"
Wine Enthusiast Magazine- A Wine Lover's Guide to Spain, 2016



Casal de Armán Terraced Vineyards

Map of Galicia
Casal de Armán is in Ribiero D.O.



EIRA DOS MOUROS, 2021 (white)



- **Region/ Sub-Region:** Spain, D.O. Ribeiro, Avia valley.
- **Grapes:** 100% Treixadura.
- **Vineyard:** 100% estate fruit.
- **Soil:** Granite, Sand, and Slate.
- **Vinification:** Grape selection is done at the vineyard, then cold maceration of the whole grape cluster. Pressed and fermented at low temperatures in stainless steel tanks. Stabilized for some months in vats until it's bottled in June.
- **Nose:** Fresh, vivid, bright, with notes of exotic tropical fruits, mango and quince.
- **Taste:** A pleasant and long finish with beautiful minerality. Lovely purity of fruit. Finishes with floral notes and spice.
- **Color:** Very bright straw yellow with greenish gleams.
- **Gastronomy:** Perfect with salty fish, such as sardines, or mackerel.

Eira dos Mouros is Galician language. Eira translates to Medicine woman or Chaman, which are still present in every town in Galicia. These Chamans resembled nature doctors. Mouros translates to little walls for wine terraces. These words combined, Eira Dos Mouros, translates to **“The Medicine woman of the walled terraced vineyard.”**

CRITICS & REVIEWS:

Wine Spectator, Oct '22 gave 90 points, Eira dos Mouros 2020 – “A delicate overtone of elderflower is layered with a mineral-laced underpinning and flavors of nectarine, white cherry, lime sorbet and graphite in this bright, elegant white.”

A View from the Cellar, May '22 gave 92 points, Eira dos Mouros 2020 – “The Eira Dos Mouros Blanco bottling from Casal de Armán is composed entirely from Treixadura. The 2020 version tips the scales at a svelte 12.5 percent and offers up a beautiful bouquet of lemon, green apple, wet stone minerality, citrus peel, a touch of green olive and a topnote of dried flowers. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, crisp and complex, with a superb core of fruit, excellent mineral drive, bright acids and a long, balanced and very classy finish. A terrific Treixadura!”