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Villa de San Lorenzo

Akilia founder Mario Rovira is one of those winemakers who believes that good wines are made in the vineyard. After working in California, New Zealand and France - including with Jean Claude Berrouet at Chateau Petrus – in 2009 Mario settled in Bierzo, Spain's up and coming wine region in the north-west. Here, where the dry terrain of Castile is refreshed by Galician rains at the foot of the Akiliano mountain range, he found the plots he had been looking for – old vines planted more than sixty years ago in soils with just the right balance of slate, clay and quartz. This combination lets the native Mencía reach its maximum expression producing fine, fragrant wines with plenty of fruit expertly balanced with floral and mineral notes. Bierzo international reputation is growing fast and Akilia is one of its rising stars.

DOP Bierzo

Grape varieties: Mencía

Soil: Schist, quartz, clay

Harvest: Manual

Winemaking: Grapes from 80 year old vines planted on three separate plots. Fermented separately with natural yeast in concrete tanks. Juice from two of the plots then ages for 9 months in the same concrete tanks, while the remainder spends 12 months in French oak before blending and bottling.

ABV: 12.5 %

Total acidity: 5.4 g/l

Bottle type: Burgundy, 75cl

Closure: Natural cork

Tasting notes: Medium intensity ruby red. Notes of sweet peppers, cloves, red fruit, violets and shrubs. Red fruit, fresh minerality.