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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 Mencia 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: Palomino, Doña Blanca

Soil: Slate over clay

Harvest: Manual

Winemaking: Grapes from 75 year old vines planted on a 0.5 hectare plot. Temperature controlled fermentation in stainless steel tanks. Aged in stainless steel on fine lees for 5 months. 30% of the blend is then aged for 5 months in one-year old, 225 litre French oak barrels.

ABV: 12.5 %

Total acidity: 5.8 g/l

Bottle type: Burgundy, 75cl

Closure: Natural cork

Tasting notes: Clean, straw yellow. Fresh, aromatic aroma of fruit and white flowers. Freshness continues on the palate, with good acidity and an agreeably intense finish.

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