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The first Danish Master of Wine from 2019 and the sixth in Spain is a consultant and lecturer, and he owns a wine academy in Malaga. Hi is also a judge in several competitions, such as Berliner Wein Trophy, Bacchus and Decanter .

His CV is impressive: In 2012, he completed the international Vinifera Euromaster degree, a M.Sc. of viticulture and oenology combined between the universities of Montpellier, Bordeaux, Geisenheim and Stellenbosch. In 2014, he completed the WSET level 4 diploma and in 2019 the prestigious Master of Wine program.

Jonas has also been the technical editor of the new technical material for the WSET Diploma, which was published in 2019 and the study guide Spanish Wine Scholar. Just to name a few of all things that Jonas has accomplished in his 35-years of life.

Jonas is of Danish origin, but he has for years created a close and strong bond with Spain, and due to various personal circumstances, it has led him to expand it to the world of the vineyard in our country, where he currently lives. There is no doubt that Jonas' heart beats hot for Spanish wines, and he knows where something specially happens in the Spanish wine districts.







Katxiña

Winery:

Very Fine Vinos http://www.veryfinevinos.com/

Importer in Denmark:

Vinotek https://vinoteket.com/da-dk
Varietal:

100% Hondarrabi Zuri

Alcohol Content:

11,5 % vol.

Origin

D. O. Getariako Txakoliña.

VINEYARD:

Bodegas Katxiña have eight hectares of vineyards surrounding the winery building. The grapes are growing on terraced trellises and arbors, all south-facing and on hillsides descending to the mouth the River Oria. Family-owned fields are caressed by the winds coming off the Cantabrian Sea. This enclave was specially chosen for the optimal ripening of our grapes. They select the best grapes right in the vineyard, carrying the clusters in baskets to the winery.

These unique conditions give their txakoli the freshness and vitality that make it genuine.

Txakoli Katxiña is a white wine produced using the Hondarrabi Zuri variety of grape, a local variety only cultivated in this area.

WINEMAKING:

Txakoli Katxiña is a white wine produced using the Hondarrabi Zuri variety of grape, a local variety only cultivated in this area. Certified by the Getariako Txakolina D.O., they make Txakoli Katxiña a product overflowing with personality.

Because of the climate and the fact that the Hondarrabi zuri variety features a late vegetative cycle, the harvest is in October. Our plots produce grapes boasting a perfect balance between maturity and acidity. We extract the natural juice from the grape with the least possible pressure and friction with the skin.

After the fermentation, we let the txakoli sit at 4°C, thereby conserving the natural sparkling point for its fermentation. The quality of the raw material is the linchpin of the entire production process. Txakoli sits in tanks at least 3 or 4 months with the lees and is then ready for bottling.

TASTING:

The variety's fruitiness, combined with Cantabrian breezes, make Txakoli Katxiña a fresh, vibrant, fruity, and fine wine. Its aromatic intensity is well distributed on the palate and leaves a pleasant and lasting taste.







Señorío de Rubiós Condado do Tea

Winery:	Señorío de Rubiós https://www.srubios.com/
Importer in Denmark:	D'Wine APS https://d-wine.dk/
	100% Mencía
Alcohol Content:	12,5 % vol.
Origin	D. O. Rías Baixas.

This wine represents the traditional vinification in the subarea of O Condado do Tea. Winegrowers used to cultivate the different varieties in the same small plots, and, after the harvest, they fermented them in the same tanks. In our winery, we ferment the must separately and then blend the resulting wines.

VINEYARD:

Condado do Tea region.

WINEMAKING:

This wine appears after blending six indigenous varieties from Condado do Tea region (treixadura, albariño, white loureira, godello and torrontés), all of them picked by hand.

Once in the winery, bunches are destemmed, cooled and passed to the pneumatic press.

The must obtained from the press is sent to the tank for the racking.

Then, it is fermented at 16 °C during 15 or 20 days. After the fermentation, the wine is decanted to put it apart from its lees.

The following processes are the stabilisation by cold, the filtering and, finally, the bottling.

TASTING:

Visually, it has a bright straw yellow colour. On nose, it appears very fruity, fresh, and clean, highlighting treixadura with hints of green apple. Its acidity is medium to high. On the palate, it is very complex due to the mixture of varieties, delicious and elegant.







Fillaboa Selección Finca Monte Alto 2018

Winery:	Bodegas Fillaboa https://masaveubodegas.com/
Importer in Denmark:	Theis Wine https://www.theis-vine.dk/
	100% Mencía
Alcohol Content:	13,5 % vol.
Origin	D. O. Rías Baixas.

Fillaboa Selección Finca Monte Alto 2018 is a great Albariño wine with enormous aging potential. It is aromatic, straightforward, and fresh, structured and complex.

VINEYARD:

Selección Finca Monte Alto comes from the Monte Alto plot, one of Fillaboa's most emblematic plots, situated at around 150 m above sea level and covering 7 ha. Only the best grapes were selected to craft 14,000bottles. The vineyard is around 28 years old, and the vines grow on a trellising structure, the soil has a sandy loam texture with a lot of pebbles due to its proximity to the Mirio River. Ripening was marked by the dry summer, it was driest summer in the history of Fillaboa, and very unusual in this area due to the complete lack of rain. Alcoholic maturation was perfect, with an accumulation of sugar in the plant that transformed into 13.5 alcohol content. Great balance between alcohol and acidity.

WINEMAKING:

This wine is made following the traditional method, with alcoholic fermentation at controlled temperatures, starting at 14°C and finishing at 16°C. We use selected native yeasts, and we leave the wine on fine lees for 12 months in stainless steel vats. After this time, the wine is stabilized, filtered, and bottled.

TASTING:

COLOUR: Straw yellow with greeish hues, clean and bright.

AROMA: High aromatic intensity, notes of ripe fruits, apple, and citrus fruits. Reminiscent of bakery products, brioche and subtle toasty notes which begin to emerge over time in the bottle.

PALATE: The palate is structured and fresh with very well-integrated acidity, unctuous and smooth. Aromas of ripe fruit at the finish, complex and round.







Granbazán Limousin 2017

Winery:	Bodegas Granbazán https://www.bodegasgranbazan.com/
Importer in Denmark:	Frederiksberg Vinhandel http://www.frederiksbergvinhandel.dk/
Varietal:	100% estate-grown albariño
Alcohol Content:	13.10% vol.
Origin	D. O. Rías Baixas.

A special selection from our Finca Tremoedo; the first Albariño to be aged in French oak barrels - a maximum of elegance and fineness.

VINEYARD:

- Finca Tremoedo, Vilanova de Arousa
- Soil: shallow sandy-granite
- Age of vines: 39 years
- Training system: parra (pergola)
- Sustainable viticulture, green cover, 100% manual work
- Distance to the sea: 1000 1200 meters

WINEMAKING:

- 100% manual harvest in 17kg crates
- Long skin contact (12 hours)
- Fermentation with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel tanks
- Aged for 6 months in used French oak barrels (<500l.)

TASTING:

Brilliant example of Albariño's ability to age. Nose is mouth wateringly spicy with poached pears, ginger biscuits, and drie Palate is smooth with tingling lively acidity stitched through it. Waxy and salty on the finish. "Tim Atkin MW"			





Casal de Armán

Casal de Armán 2019

Winery:	Casal de Armán http://www.bodegascasaldearman.com/
Importer in Denmark:	Importante http://www.importante.dk/
Varietal:	Treixadura (90%). Godello (5%). Albariño (5%).
Alcohol Content:	13,5 % vol.
Origin	D. O. Ribeiro

VINEYARD:

- 35 has of vineyards in the Avia Valley
- Soil type: Sandy granite, schist and clay.

WINEMAKING:

Strict control of the vineyard. Handpicked in 15kg crates. Temperature control from the moment grapes are picked with immediate transport in isothermal vehicle to the winery where the grapes are kept for 12 hours in a refrigerated chamber at 7°c.

Clusters are then selected by hand on a vibrating table. Whole berries are pressed using a pneumatic press. The must settles naturally and then ferments in temperature controlled, stainless steel tanks, where it rests for 9 months prior to bottling.

TASTING:

We combine grapes from vineyards of different soil types and orientations situated exclusively in the valley of the river Avia. This is done to show the unique character of this historic region in the north of D.O. Ribeiro and to produce a wine with good structure and a rich mouthfeel with aromas of nectarine, fennel and white flowers and a long and elegant finish.

Recommended serving temperature: 8-9°c







Pepa Porter 2020

Winery:	Adegas Terrae https://adegasterrae.com/
Importer in Denmark:	Taster Wine https://www.taster-wine.com/
Varietal:	100% Godello
Alcohol Content:	13 % vol.
Origin	D. O. Monterrei

[&]quot;The most modern Godello, has a refined style and a vibrant spirit"

VINEYARD:

The area is subject to hot and dry summers, as well as to pretty cold winters. These wines come from autochthonous vines that adapt very well to this soils of the Monterrei region.

Three types of soils are present: slatty and schistose soils, ideal during dry seasons; granitic and sandy, which come from the degradation of the granitic rocks and present a lowpH; and sedimentary, which are quite complex soils due to the mixture of materials.

WINEMAKING:

The Godello Pepa Porter is the result of a careful work in the field and the rest in the winery for 4 months on fine less, by using the best Godello grapes.

TASTING:

- COLOUR: Pale white wine with lemony reflections, clean, transparent and brilliant, good tear.
- NOSE: Clear nose with marked fruity character, citrus, white and stone fruits, as well as light floral touches.
- PALATE: Wide and glyceric palate, fresh and smooth. Round and slightly sweer-toothed. Well balanced, medium structure and long aftertaste.

Serving temperatura: 8-10 °C.







O LUAR

O Luar do Sil Godello 2020

Winery:	O Luar do Sil http://www.pagodeloscapellanes.com/
Importer in Denmark:	Otto Suenson https://ottosuenson.dk/da
	Godello 100%
Alcohol Content:	14% vol.
Origin	D. O. Valdeorras

O Luar do Sil Godello 2020: a wine with a greenish yellow colour.

VINEYARD:

Old vineyards in Corguiño (Seadur) on granite slopes at an altitude of 450 meters.

- Purity in Valdeorras
- Soil type: deep and clayey, on fragmented and weathered granite rock (xabre).
- Yield: 5,000 kg/ha

WINEMAKING:

Godello grape harvested when fully ripe in late September 2020. Table-selected manually. Destemmed and gently crushed, with immediate refrigeration at 10° C and pre-fermentative maceration for 4 to 6 hours to enhance the aromatic profile. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel at a controlled temperature of between 16° and 18° C. Once fermented, we select part of the fine lees and perform a gentle battonage for two months. The wine is kept at a low temperature to preserve the varietal aromas, followed by a respectful stabilisation and bottling process.

TASTING:

With the intense aromas and varietal purity of Godello grapes, strong tones of ripe stone fruits, yellow flowers, citrus, herbal and balsamic notes typical of the surrounding area. Fresh and powerful in the mouth, balanced, unctuous, endowed with great length and personality, ending with a remarkable aromatic persistence.

Storage: it will develop positively in the bottle over the next 3 years, provided it is stored in a cool (12°-14° C) and dark place in a horizontal position.







Barbadelo 2019

Winery:	Adegas Terrae https://adegasterrae.com/
Importer in Denmark:	Taster Wine https://www.taster-wine.com/
	100% Mencía
Alcohol Content:	13 % vol.
Origin	D. O. Ribeira Sacra

[&]quot;A luxury Mencía, with an elegant personality and an interior to fall in love with"

Adegas Terrae works with autochthonous varieties, basing our production exclusively on grapes from our own vineyards.

The objective is to give priority to quality, achieving a wine with a low yield per vine. To make our wines we use red grapes from Amandi subzone.

VINEYARD:

The orientation of our vineyards towards the Sil River, the microclimate of the area, the cultivation on slopes on top of walls and the special care and the handcrafted work we give to the vineyard, are part of the philosophy of the winery.

WINEMAKING:

Young wine, 100% Mencía, 6-8 months sur lies.

TASTING:

- COLOUR: Clean and bright, high cape, cherry red with marked violet hues.
- NOSE: Elegant aroma and good intensity, outstanding berry fruit notes such as blueberry, strawberry, raspberry, and black cherry, which predominate over subtle floral notes.
- PALATE: In the mouth it is very harmonious and wide, it stands out for a very polished tannin that gives it persistence and structure Serving temperatura: 12-15 °C.







Vitis Extrema 2017

Winery:	Bodegas Rodríguez y Sanzo http://www.rodriguezsanzo.com/
Importer in Denmark:	Novin https://novin.dk/
	100% Mencía
Alcohol Content:	13.5% vol.
Origin	D. O. Bierzo

VINEYARD:

Pre-phylloxera vineyard estate wine. Located at 800 m of altitude. Vines are on a hillside away from rives or irrigated areas, so that grapes have a perfect maturation.

WINEMAKING:

Grapes have been harvested in small boxes by hand. Cold maceration. Barrel aging in 300-liter French oak barrels for 6 months.

TASTING:

Intense raspberry red colour with certain wild and exotic floral tones. Wild fruits and vanilla nuance on the nose. On the palate, it is velvety, fruity, and mineral.







Paixar 2018

Winer	y:	Luna Beberide https://vinosdelbierzo.es/
	ter in Denmark:	Theis Wine https://www.theis-vine.dk/
Varieta Alcoho	al: ol Content:	100% Mencía 13,5 % vol.
Origin		D. O. Bierzo

Parker 96 points. "The 2018 Paixar is all violets, wild berries and raspberry leaves, a captivating, aromatic, floral and elegant expression of old vine Mencia from the slate soils of Dragonte The wine is still powerful and has energy, but there is a level of sophistication, elegance and nuance I hadn't seen before. It's clean and floral and has depth and nuance. But it's on the palate and the beautifully textured mouthfeel that you see the greatness of this wine, which has all the ingredients to develop for a long time in bottle. I think this is the finest vintage of Paixar to date. 12,500 bottles produced. It was bottled in March 2020. Bravo!

VINEYARD

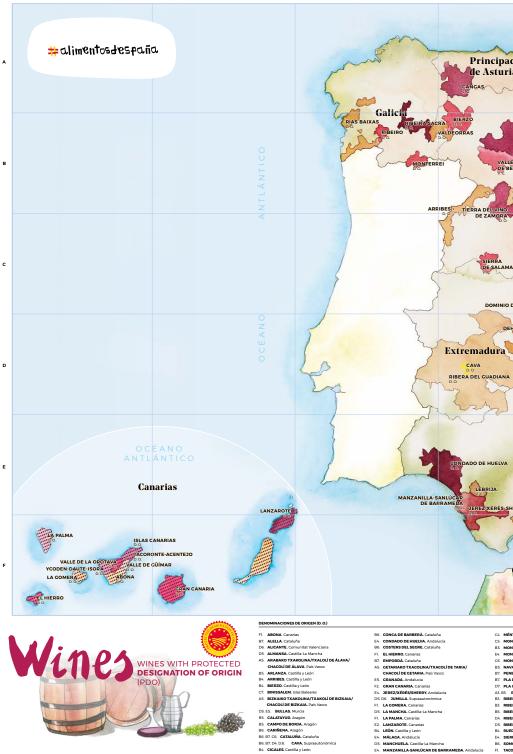
- Hillside between 700 and 100 metres high, all of them facing to south. Density field 1,20 x 1,20.
- Output 25HI per hectare.
- Area: Dragonte.
- Type of ground: Clayey and broken slate on mother rock.

WINEMAKING

14 months in French oak barrels and bottled without filtering in March. Harvest in September

TASTING

Year 2018harvest is characterized by its Atlantic influence and good contrast of temperatures between the day and the night. Paixar2018is a very completed wine. In mouth, minerals appear along with balsamic notes, spices, and low valley. This wine shows all it's personality because of the ground of Dragonteand the elegance of Mencía.

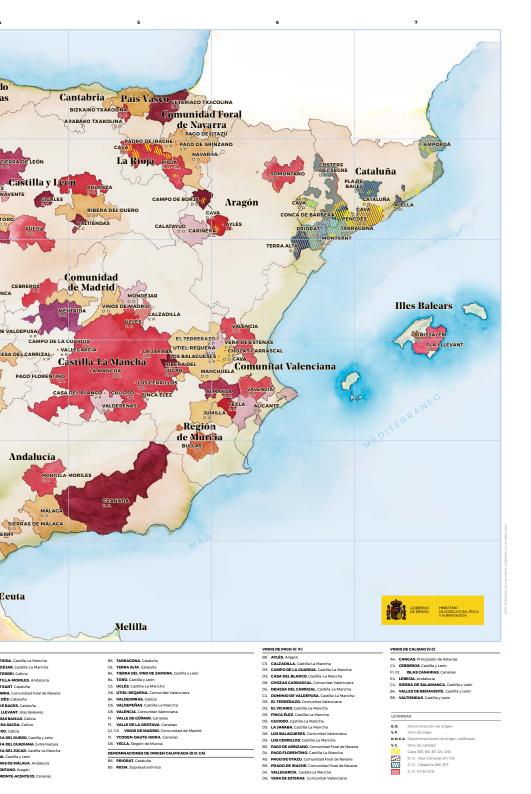




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