THE SOURCE FAZENDA PRÁDIO GALICIA



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PRODUCER OVERVIEW

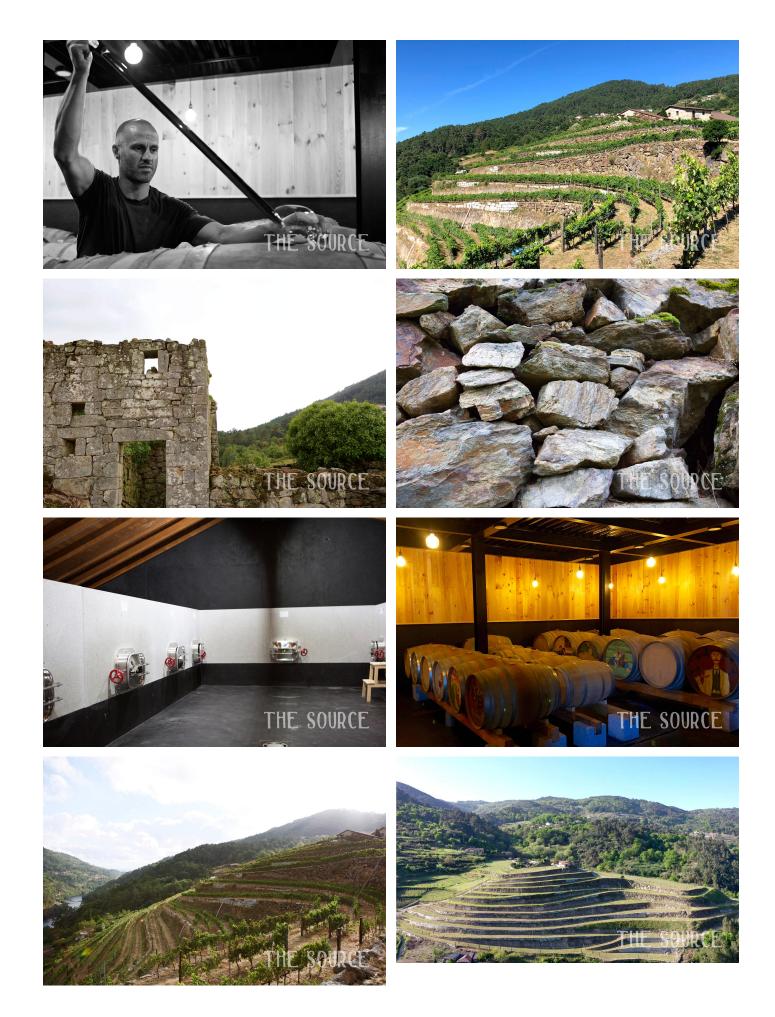
Xabi Soeanes is in love with his Galician countryside, and he's even more taken in by its nearly forgotten past. His greatest desire, his dream, is to share this cultural treasure with the world, through the lens of his varietally blended wines—the historical winegrowing practice of this area. Fazenda Prádio (named after a local tree known as a false maple, or sycamore) is located within the Chantada subzone, one of the coldest of Ribeira Sacra, heavily influenced by the Atlantic. His 3.5ha of vines, a collection of Mencía, Caíño Longo, Merenzao, Brancellao, Godello, and other indigenous varieties, are perched on wide terraces between 180-300m that overlook the Miño River gorge and are carved out of a steep hill split with granite and schist. Xabi practiced organic and biodynamic farming for years but after a series of seasons that almost put him out of business, he keeps the door open to move freely when needed.

VINEYARD DETAILS

Surrounded by indigenous forests on all sides but the river side and influenced by both oceanic and continental weather, all of Pradio's vines were planted in the early 2000s on south/southeast-facing terraced slope of granite and schist at 190-240m overlooking the Miño River.

CELLAR NOTES

Loureiro Branco, Dona Branca and Godello are whole-cluster pressed, settled overnight, and racked to barrel, where they ferment naturally; the wines are then aged eight months before bottling.



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