

# THE SOURCE

Producer	Cume do Avia		
Wine	2020 Dos Canotos Brancellao		
Region and Country	Galicia, Spain		
Varietal(s)	Brancellao		
Terroir	Many factors are at play in the Ribeiro: the proximity of the land to the Atlantic; the south and west-facing orientation to maximize the sun's heat in an otherwise cold region; the constant whistle of fierce winds that bring in fresh air and help grapes to stay dry and relatively pest free; and the richness of the diverse soils. The bedrock and soil in Cume do Avia's vineyards adds great breadth to their wines and from one meter to the next they can quickly change between igneous rocks and metamorphic. The soil grain is equally diverse and randomly shifts back and forth between sand and clay. The soils are dark orange, white or brown, depending on the mineral makeup. It's an extremely complex area within only nine hectares (twenty-two acres).		
Soil	Stony, sandy, clay soils derived from a granodiorite rock (a very hard igneous rock similar to granite), gneiss (a metamorphic stone) bedrock with shale, quartzite.		
Irrigation	Forbidden—Never—Sometimes	Technical Precision	Nature—Moderate—Nurture
Vine Age	Planted in 2008-2009	Altitude(m); Aspect	290-310; South to Southwest
Vinification	Naturally fermented with 50% stem inclusion for one month with an "infusion style" extraction with gentle pushdowns of the cap by hand to keep it moist and extract as little as possible. Malolactic fermentation takes place—noted because in many of Cume do Avia's red wines it does not.		
Aging	Aged in ancient barrels for two months then racked to stainless steel for three months. Bottled without fining but lightly filtered.		
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist While they are certified organic they also practice biodynamic farming, but without certification.		
Enological Additions	Sulfur Dioxide		

## Observations (subjective and abstract; based on young wines)

General Impressions	Extremely Elegant, Bright Red and Dark Fruit, Transparent, Aromatic, Ethereal		
Ageability	Drink Young—Short-Term Benefits—Long-Term Benefits—Unknown		
Intensity	Subtle—Vigorous—Electric	Body	Light—Medium—Full
Core	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Tannin	Light—Medium—Full
Acidity	Light—Medium—Full—Electric	Wood Presence	Light—Medium—Full—Electric
Texture	Lithe—Medium—Dense	Finish	Front—Middle—Back
Mineral Impressions	Lightly Salty—Salty—Metal—Mineral—Wet Stone—Flint—Graphite—Reductive—Petrol		

## Lab Analysis (general range)

Alcohol %	12.0-12.8	Titrateable Acidity (g/L)	4.5-5.5
pH	3.45-3.65	Residual Sugar (g/L)	Dry
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High		

Notes compiled in 2019 by Ted Vance (The Source) and Diego Collarte (Cume do Avia)  
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