

Cume do Avia 2021 Colleita 9, Tinto

Varietal(s)	40% Caiño Longo, 34% Sousón, 26% Brancellao
Region	Galicia, Spain
Short Summary	East of Spain's Rías Baixas lies the Ribeiro D.O., one of the country's most historic wine regions internationally known for both red and white wines for nearly a thousand years. Here, a band of idealistic young brothers and cousins left city life to reclaim their family's abandoned land, Eida de Mouro, and recapture their family's ancient history. Their label, Cume do Avia, began nearly two decades ago, and their geologically complex mountainside vineyards are composed of granodiorite, schist, slate, and gneiss bedrock, clay and sand topsoil, and have nearly twenty indigenous grape varieties planted with ancient massale selections and overlook the Avia and Miño Rivers. They bottle single variety and blended wines of intense freshness, detail, and authenticity, with the reds led by the graceful queen of Galician red grapes, Brancellao, along with the unstoppably vigorous Caiño Longo, and the ink-black and deliciously savage Sousón. Their whites are led by soft Treixadura, with a supporting cast of high-acid varieties, like Albariño, Lado, and Loureiro.
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).
Cellar Notes	All the grapes are co-fermented together naturally with 40% whole cluster for three weeks in restored ancient chestnut foudre. Extraction is made in the "infusion style" with gentle pushdowns of the cap by hand to keep it moist and extract as little as possible. Malolactic fermentation is completed in this wine—noted because many of the reds in Cume do Avia's range do not.
Farming	Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist
Alcohol %	11-11.5
Total SO2	None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High