

Cume do Avia 2021 Arraiano, Branco

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| Varietal(s) | 53% Treixadura, 17% Albariño, 14%, Loureira 13%, Lado, 3% Caíño Branco |
| 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 unstopably vigorous Caíño 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 | Naturally fermentation in stainless steel. |
| Farming | Sustainable—Organic Certified—Biodynamic Certified—Uncertified Naturalist While they are certified organic they also practice biodynamic farming, but without certification. |
| Alcohol % | >11.5 |
| Total SO2 | None Added—Very Low—Low—Medium—High |