

THE SOURCE PEDRO MÉNDEZ GALICIA



2021 MENCÍA, 'VIRUXE'

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Cousin of local viticultural legend, Rodrigo Méndez, Pedro Méndez wears two hats with full-time work in his family's vineyards and their restaurant during the summer. Located in the Val do Salnés subzone of Galicia's Rías Baixas, he has medium-aged vines and pre-phylloxera Albariño vines that are nearly two-hundred years old that look more like trees. These ancient plants fill his full-bodied Albariños with structure and a pure citrusy, salty, minerally, high acidity power that only Albariño possesses. He also makes a compelling range of red wines with Mencía and Caíño.

VINEYARD DETAILS

"Viruxe" is 100% Mencía harvested from an average of 75-year-old vines (2024) in the Salnés Valley's Meaño area. It's on flat surface of granite bedrock and topsoil at less than 100m.

CELLAR NOTES

"Viruxe" is whole-bunch fermented for 20 days in steel at 22°C max. Aged on lees 9 months in old French oak. It is filtered but not fined.

