



IPO WINES

2023 Adega a Barouta Ventoleiro Tinto

IMPORTED BY European Cellars (Eric Solomon)

COUNTRY
Spain

REGION
Galicia

APPELLATION
Ribeiro

SOIL TYPE
Sandy clay, granite, schist

VARIETAL(S)
40% Caiño Longo
60% Brancellao

FARMING
Sustainable

WINEMAKER
Javier Alen with Daniel Landi and Fernando García

ABOUT THE PRODUCER

Adega a Barouta is a new project from top vignerons Javier Alen (founder of Viña Mein) and the duo behind the well-known cult project Comando G, Daniel Landi and Fernando García. After 6 fond years of working together, they took the leap to establish their own winery in 2020, where Adega a Barouta was formed. In 2022, winemaker Roberto Núñez joined the operation. Roberto first cut his teeth in winemaking after time working in his native country of Chile with fellow Indigo icon, Marcelo Retamel, and then many years with Comando G in Gredos. He now leads the operation as their “right hand man”; AKA their vineyard manager and cellar master.

Based in Ribeiro, in south central Galicia, A Barouta cultivates their grapes on very old vines in historic terraced vineyards on pure granite bedrock. The sites are scattered throughout the scenic Avía Valley, which line the riverbanks and hillsides of Ribeiro. Although famously known as an area with heavy rainfall, the mountains to the north-west provide some protection, ensuring drier ripening conditions for the vines. The prominent Atlantic breeze cools their vines down, preserving the natural aromatics of the grapes and keeping the potential alcohol lower. Paying homage to the Galician terroir, they work solely with native varieties such as Caiño and Brancellao for reds, and Treixadura, Albariño, Caiño Blanco, and Loureira for whites, to list a few.

This is a tiny project comprised of only 1.7 hectares, borne entirely out of friendship and passion for this diverse winemaking region. In the winery, Dani, Fernando and Roberto work as a team with one common goal. Their mission is to keep the wines as true to their natural terroirs as possible. They use indigenous yeasts and gentle pigéage so as not to over extract. The wines are then bottled without fining or filtration. The resulting wines are light in body, fresh with an almost ethereal purity of fruit. We are delighted to welcome their village level Ventoleiro and two single vineyard cuvées As Penas and O Penedo to our portfolio.

WINE NOTES

A vertical, tension-driven blend of Brancellao and Caiño Longo with a distinct Galician aromatic profile — forest berries, wild strawberries, aniseed, and damp earth. There's an initial hint of lactic youthfulness, yet beneath lies a wine of energy, structure, and finesse. The plots are located within Val do Avia and cover an area of 0.5 hectares with Mediterranean climate but also some influence from the Atlantic. With granite soils, and altitudes ranging from 170 to 230 meters, the 30 to 50 year old vineyards have varying orientations depending on the plot.

Each variety is vinified separately in stainless steel tanks. The grapes are hand selected and 100% whole clusters are used with indigenous yeasts, with no use of pump overs or aggressive extraction. Aged for 7 months in 10HL wooden Stockinger barrels.

94 points, "The 2023 Ventoleiro Tinto wants to be a light and approachable red from the Avia Valley, from different vineyards, made with 60% Brancellao and 40% Caiño Longo. The grapes fermented separately with full clusters and indigenous yeasts, and the wine matured in a 1,000-liter oak foudre for seven months. It's super peppery, very spicy, with some notes of dried flowers, resin, pine needles, aromatic herbs and beeswax with a smoky side and hints of graphite. It's elegant and has contained ripeness, with 11% alcohol, and a medium-bodied palate with fine-grained tannins. 3,700 bottles and 60 magnums produced. It was bottled in November 2024." - Wine Advocate

