



Valdeorras

Ladera Sagrada



Proprietor: The Ladera Sagrada winery of the Valdeorras D.O. was founded in 1920. José L. Sotos is the majority owner and the winemaker. The estate owned vineyards grow two varietals, Godello and Mencía. Some Godello vines are over 40 years old, the oldest in Valdeorras. The Papa Godello sees no oak and there is no malolactic fermentation, achieving greater aromatic expression and freshness.

Winemaker / Vineyard Manager: José Luis Murcia Sotos

Location: In the autonomous region of Galicia in far northwestern 'Celtic' Spain. Within the Valdeorras DO (Zone 1), in the Valdeorras district (Orense province), in the mountain town of Larouco, at 1749 ft.

Wines Made: Papa Godello and others not currently imported by Ole.

Climate: The average temperature between April and October is 57.2° F, which is among the lowest average temperatures in Spain, with 30.2 inches of yearly rainfall. It has one of the lowest levels of precipitation in the region, which helps keep overnight frost at bay. This Atlantic (Zone 1) influenced climate's cool temperatures provide a longer ripening period, resulting in zestier wines with greater aromatic expression.

Soil: The soil is composed of slate and granite topsoil, with a thin clay subsoil. This soil profile is poor in organic matter yielding 6 pounds (2.5 kg) of grapes per vine, compared to the average of 17 pounds (7.5 kg) per vine in Valdeorras. The granite and slate soil surface warms up during the day, providing heat to the roots, encouraging the grapes to continue ripening even during the cool nights. Lower yields result in more concentrated grapes providing more flavor intensity to the wines.

What makes Papa wines unique? 1) Papa Godello uses its own naturally occurring yeasts, adding to the wine's great terroir driven characteristics. 2) Papa Godello doesn't undergo malolactic fermentation, consequently achieving greater aromatic expression and freshness. 3) The synergy between the vines, soil and microclimate provide for a zesty, freshly intense Godello wine. 4) Ladera Sagrada is the largest vineyard owner in the region, all of it estate owned, allowing total control over the quality of grapes that go into making Papa. 5) 90% of its vines are 25 plus years old.



There are 3,296 acres of vines in Valdeorras.



Pedro Alvarez part-owner of Ladera Sagrada with Jose Luis Sotos.



Valdeorras is one of the steepest regions in Spain

BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

NAME OF VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES (2006)	SOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
GODELLO PARCEL	37	25+	SLATE, GRANITE, AND CLAY	1,749 ft	15%
MENCIA PARCEL	25	25+	SLATE, GRANITE, AND CLAY	1,749 ft	15%