



Descendientes de Jose Palacios

Bierzo, Spain

Alvaro and Ricardo found promising sites in a number of villages but shortly came to believe that the greatest potential lay in a little town on Bierzo's western border named Corullón. Old vineyards lined the precipitous hillsides there, and the local soils were extremely poor—composed mostly of schist—but with incredible diversity. The minute variations in soils and exposures across this zone immediately reminded the two of Burgundy's Côte d'Or, or Piedmont's Langhe hills.

From the beginning, Ricardo embraced **biodynamic viticulture** as a means to craft the transparent wines of his dreams. The effort required in this damp corner of Spain is extraordinary, yet Ricardo believes it yields wines with more balance and transparency. And, it's allowed him to build an entire ecosystem around his vineyards. Work animals provide fertilizer and help him make the biodynamic courses. He's worked with locals to market healthier vegetables, and produces fruit juices from surroundings orchards.


Five remarkable wines are the result of this life work. The first, Pétalos del Bierzo, is assembled from old hillside and hilltop vines across from Bierzo's western edge. The wine is vinified for immediate appeal, but it retains the estate's signature finesse and restraint.

Corullón is an assemblage from old-vine parcels in and around this town. Its combination of generosity and precision makes a case not only for Corullón's special status, but also the superiority of Alvaro's and Ricardo's winemaking.

The estate also produces up to three extraordinary single-vineyard wines: Moncerbal, Las Lamas and La Far-
aona. Each is a distinctive expression of a remarkable and compelling terroir

#ItsGoodToBeUs
Follow us Online

**CUTTING
EDGE**
SELECTIONS

 @CUTTINGEDGESELECTIONS
 CUTTING EDGE SELECTIONS
WWW.CUTTINGEDGESELECTIONS.COM