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**Bierzo with altitude**

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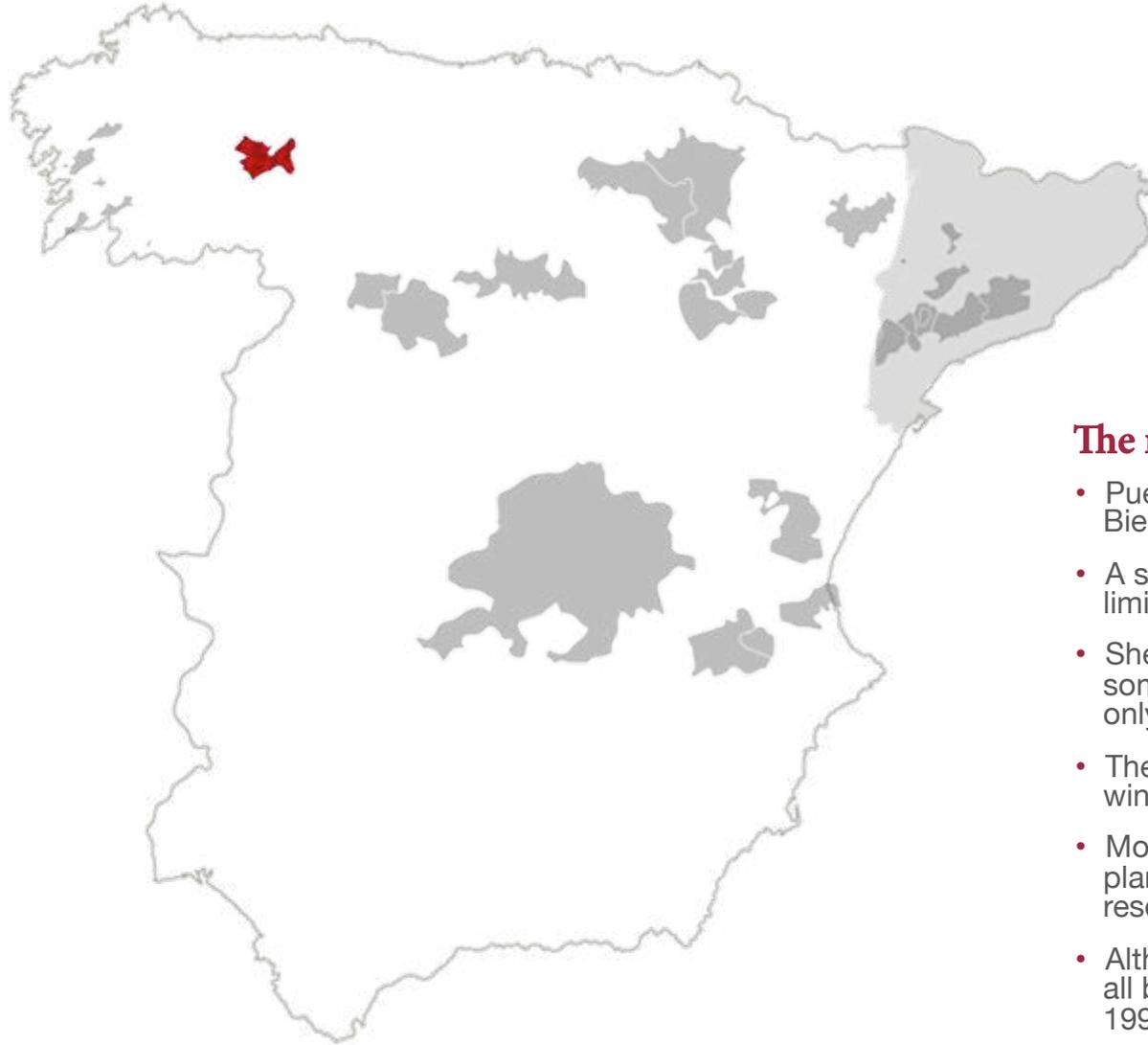
*Characterful old-vine Mencia offering an authentic taste of Bierzo*

- Puerto del Monte means “mountain pass” and the label is inspired by the peaks of Las Médulas in Bierzo glowing copper-red in the evening sun
- Made by a young, dynamic team in an environmentally-friendly winery in the heart of the region
- Sourced from old Mencia vines of 45+ years grown on slopes at altitudes of 400-750m
- Aged for 2-3 months in oak to add softness and some spice without masking the bold fruit of the grapes



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## The region

- Puerto del Monte is made for Long Wines in the heart of the Bierzo region
- A small, rural and remote region it is almost the north-western limit of red wine making in Spain
- Sheltered from the climatic excesses of the central plateau with some maritime influence; the early-ripening local Mencia is the only red grape that can thrive here
- The now-fashionable Mencia grape produces unique, balanced wines with a fruit-laden, mineral character all of their own
- Mountainous, with slate and granitic soils, the grapes are planted in tiny parcels on hilly slopes, with the lush valley floors reserved for other crops.
- Although the winemaking tradition goes back centuries it was all but abandoned until young growers revived the vines in the 1990s

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## Mencia

- 100% Mencia
- Deep cherry red with purple highlights
- Intense aromas of black fruit, notes of tar and pencil lead that characterise the Mencia grape with some hints of spices.
- Fresh acidity well balanced with the sweetness of the alcohol and a touch of oak, medium bodied with a long fruity finish

## Awards

- Gold medal – Berliner Wein Trophy 2018
- Silver medal – Mundus Vini 2018
- Silver medal – AWC Vienna 2018
- Bronze medal – Decanter World Wine Awards 2018

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## Where it comes from

- 45 year old vines in Villafranca del Bierzo, the heart of the region, where the best Mencia and grapes come from, as the vines are grown on slopes far from areas of irrigation.
- The winery has its own 16 hectare vineyard of Mencia aged between 20 and 50 years of age and controls another 25 hectares that are grown in small plots belonging to local vine growers.
- Most of the vines are at between 450 and 700 m altitude, with yields of 4-6 kg per vine.
- The Camino de Santiago passes alongside the vineyards, through dramatic hilly landscapes with snow-capped mountains on the horizon.
- The grapes are selected in the vineyards and hand-harvested in small crates.

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## Where it is made

- The winery was founded in 1940 by a Valencian who fell in love with Bierzo and its possibilities for winemaking
- In 2002, a new winery that respects the environment and the rural landscape was built next to the vineyard, managed by a young, dynamic team.

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## The winemaker-manager

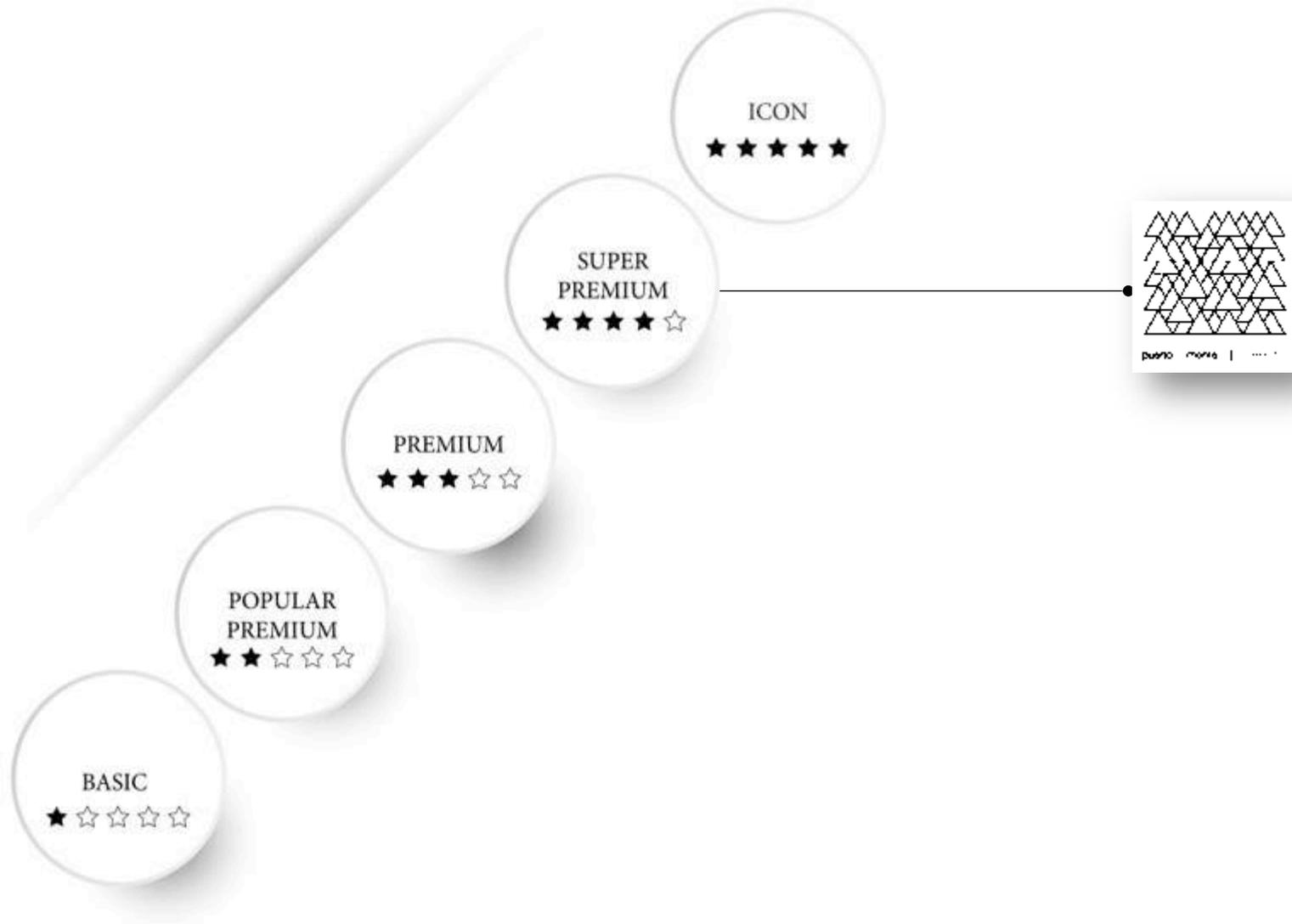
### Adelino Perez Gil

- Born locally in Ponferrada, Adelino has worked at Bodegas Adriá for more than 9 years.
- As well as managing the winery he is in charge of the production, ageing and commercialisation of the wines
- He holds an MBA and is a trained wine taster.



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