



Bierzo - The Place

- Northwest Spain
- Continental climate
 - Maritime influence
 - Hot summers
- Granite, clay, quartz soils
- Slate slopes
- Renaissance in 1990s



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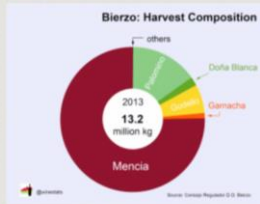
Bierzo - The History

- 4th Century - viticulture
- 12th Century - sharecropping
- 1800s - phylloxera, mildew
- 1960s - COOP movement
- 1989 - PDO
- 1990 - first DO vintage



Bierzo - The Grapes

- Red:
 - Mencía
 - Alicante Bouschet (Garnacha Tintorera)
- White:
 - Doña Blanca
 - Godello
 - Palomino
 - Malvasía



Graph: <http://www.vinosdel Bierzo.com>

Bierzo - The Wines

- Styles
 - Red
 - White
 - Rosado
- Aged/Unaged
- Crianza (R)
- Reserva
- Gran Reserva (R)



Bierzo - In the Glass (Red)

- *Medium- to full-bodied*
- *Pronounced aromatics*
- *Flavors of dark berries, ripe or cooked raspberries, plums, black pepper, spice &/ or cocoa powder (producer dependent)*
- *Concentrated*



Any questions?



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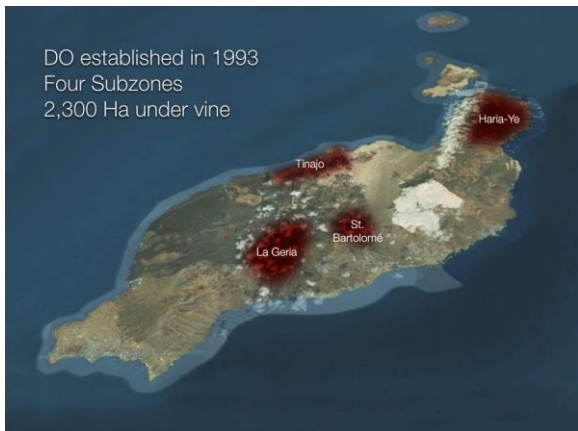
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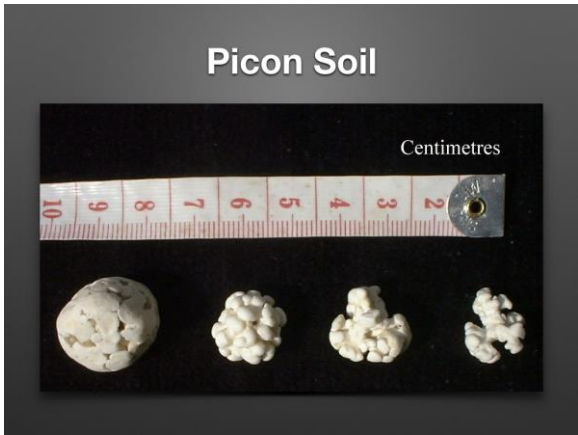
Wine Making History

- Winemaking dates back to the 1500's
- Most of the agricultural area was destroyed between 1730 and 1736 by volcanic eruptions
- Bodegas El Grifo is among the 10 oldest wineries in Spain established in 1775

Climate Statistics

GENERAL CLIMATE	Sub-tropical Desert to Borderline Tropical Climate Sea Breeze is similar to Maritime
WIND INFLUENCE	The Moroccan "Sirocco"
TEMPERATURE RANGE	Low Average: 57.2°F (January) High Average: 84.4°F (August)
ANNUAL DAYS OF PRECIPITATION	16 days per year <i>Rain has never been recorded in July</i>
TOTAL RAINFALL	4.5 inches annually





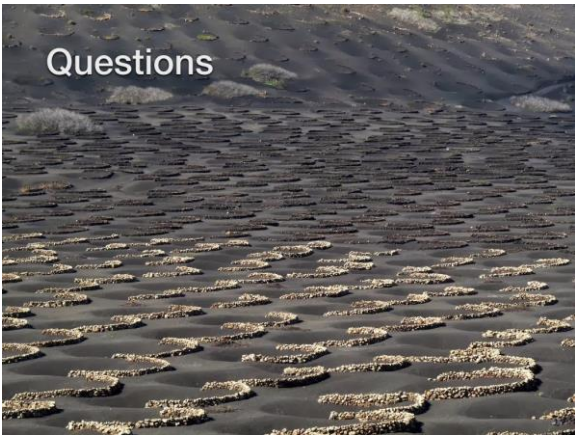


Grapes & Wines



- 75% of annual production is sweet Malvasia
- Dry Whites, Reds, and Rosés are produced as well
- Other grape varieties include:
 - *Diego*
 - *Muscatel*
 - *Pedro Ximenez*

Questions



Prado de Irache











The firm grows 150 hectares of grapes.

Varieties include Cabernet Sauvignon, Merlot, Tempranillo, Garnacha, Graciano, Mazuelo, Viura, Chardonnay and Malvasia.



Viña Irache
DO Navarra

Irache Reserva
DO Navarra

Real Irache/
Gran Reserva
DO Navarra

Prado de Irache/
Vino de Pago Prado Irache

Vino de Pago established in 2008

Must abide by all standards of the DO Navarra, as well as the following higher standards:

Minimum abv of 12% (vs. 11.5%)

Maximum yields: 6,800 – 7,200 kg/ha (vs. 8,000)

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Dry, red wines only

- Authorized varieties:
- Merlot
 - Cabernet Sauvignon
 - Tempranillo
 - Mazuelo
 - Graciano





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