

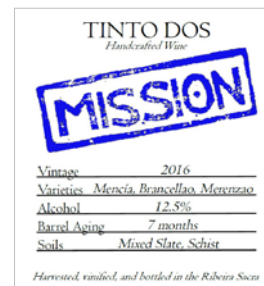
Mission Wine

A San Francisco Bay Area native, Zachary Elfman landed in Galicia, Spain after working in Stellenbosch South Africa and Mendoza Argentina. He felt at home in Northwest Spain as its terroir called back to his Northern California roots. A road trip exploring the appellation of Galicia brought him to the stunning landscapes of Ribeira Sacra. Word soon got around the small community about “American looking for grapes” and Zak walked many vineyards to find plots and farmers he wanted to work with. It started with Zak buying grapes and now he has a hand in farming parcels as well. Zak has built strong relationships in the tight-knit grower community of Northwest Spain and focuses his work in these unforgiving steep vineyards, and avoiding too much intervention in the cellar. Though he avoids the dogmatic approach to natural winemaking, the wines he wants to make are clean, fresh, indicative of their terroir, and with all the characteristics we associate with the Natural wine movement.



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Varietal/Blend: 40% mencia / 25% brancellao / 25% merenzao / 10% garnacha tintorera

Farming Practices: organic (non-certified)

Soil: slate schist

Harvest Technique: by hand in 18kg cases on September 25th

Yeast: native

Fermentation in three open topped barrels after partial destemming and foot stomping / no temperature control, 2-week maceration before pressing

Maturation: neutral 500L barrel on lees for 8 months without racking

Sulfur: very little at bottling

Vegan: yes

Alcohol: 12.5%

Acidity: 4.6g/L pH 3.7

Fined: no

Filtered: no

Country: Spain

Region: Galicia

Subregion: Ribeira Sacra

Vineyard: parcels exclusively on the mino side of the Ribeira Sacra

Production #s: 1200btl