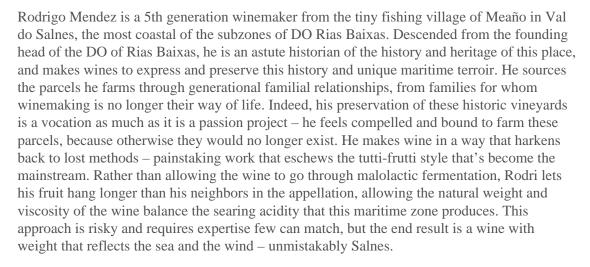


ARTISANAL WINES FROM SPAIN & PORTUGAL

Leirana Albariño





WHAT MAKES THIS WINE UNIQUE?: This is a wine that is unmistakably maritime. Using almost forgotten minimal-intervention techniques learned through generational viticultural knowledge, Rodri recreates the Albariño of yesteryear. This is a wine of power, elegance and salinity that can truly stand among the best white wines of the world.



RATING HISTORY: 2019 93WA; 2018 94WA; 2017 93 WA; 2016 92+ WA; 2015 92 JS

GRAPE: 100% Albarino. Vines planted from 1952 - 1982. Tended in sandy and granite soil at 5 m (16 ft) elevation



VINIFICATION AND AGEING: Naturally occurring fermentation with its own yeast. Aged in 80% stainless, 20% neutral foudre. No malolactic fermentation.

PRODUCTION: 2,000 cases



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LOCATION, SOIL, CLIMATE: Rías Baixas is tucked into the green rolling hills of the northwest corner of Spain, just above Portugal, hugging the deep blue Atlantic coastline. It is a breathtaking region overall, and the sub-region of Val do Salnes, the birthplace of Albariño, is no exception. Within the five unique subzones that fall under the D.O. Rías Baixas, Val do Salnes' prime location is the coolest and most fertile area of the D.O. on the Atlantic coast of Spain. In fact, there is more Albariño vines planted there than any of the other four sub-regions sharing its Rías Baixas name. The soil here is pure granite with top layers of rocks and alluvial soil, perfect for the fresh, Albariño expression. With average temperatures of approximately 60F (16C) between April and October, Rías Baixas is also one of the rainiest areas in Spain with median annual rain falling 63inches (1600mm). This can often cause difficulties in reaching optimum sugar levels during the last few, very vital, weeks before harvest, often resulting in vintage variation.

TASTING NOTES Pale, green-tinged yellow. Bright and sharply focused on the nose, displaying incisive Meyer lemon, honeysuckle, quinine and mineral scents, along with a hint of ginger in the background. Dry, taut and light on its feet, offering intense, mineral-laced citrus and orchard fruit flavors that show no excess weight. Closes on a spicy note, displaying strong, floral-tinged persistence. -- Josh Raynolds.

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 13% UPC CODE: 8437008409313