

ALBARIÑO DE FEFIÑANES

Albariño 2020



HISTORY

Founded in 1904, Palacio de Fefiñanes is housed inside a spectacular baronial palace - the 17th century Plaza de Fefiñanes - which sits on the lovely main square of coastal Cambados. The facility was built in 1647 by viscount of Fefiñanes Gonzalo Sarmiento Valladares (1583-1659). They were the first producer to bottle wine under the D.O. Rías Baixas denomination, and the label design, which shows an engraving of the Fefiñanes Palace, dates to 1928.

Palacio de Fefiñanes is currently owned by Juan Gil Careaga. Juan Gil is a respected winemaker, but he entrusts winemaking to the talented Cristina Mantilla, who also consults at several other prestigious estates in Galicia.

In the Rías Baixas region, where the vineyards are quite windy due to the proximity of the Atlantic Ocean, the wine gains a certain acidity and freshness. Vines are over 40 years old on average – some over 100 years old – and are all trained on trellises and planted on sandy soils, with some limestone and clay. The vineyards are grown at heights not much above sea level, enjoying the warm, damp Atlantic climate.

TASTING NOTE

"A truly pioneering Albariño"

A straight Albariño displaying a bright pale, golden-pale color with greenish glints indicating the youth and freshness of the wine. Very intense aromatics of fresh fruit, green apple, citrus and stone fruit, apricot, and greengage. The wine's acidity, enveloped with a fleshy mouthfeel, and its developing structure on the palate enhance the wine's extraordinary complexity and length of flavor. This is a wine that can be kept and enjoyed over the next several years.

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PRODUCER

Bodegas del Palacio del Fefiñanes

ORIGIN

*Val do Salnés
Galicia, Spain*

WINERY SIZE

20 Ha

APPELLATION

D.O. Rías Baixas

VARIETIES

100% Albariño

AGING

No aging

AGE OF VINES

40 - 50 Years

ELEVATION

30 m

SOIL

Clay and Limestone

ALCOHOL CONTENT

13.5 %

MAX YIELD

9,000 Kg/Ha

WINEMAKER

Cristina Mantilla

FARMING

Sustainable practices

PRESS & ACCOLADES

91 points | 2019 | Wine Advocate by Robert Parker

91 points | 2018 | Wine & Spirits

94 points | 2017 | Jeb Dunnuck

90 points | 2017 | Wine Advocate by Robert Parker

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Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE

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The regular Albariño is one of the most reliable among the more available wines, and it tends to show well early on and, also age nicely for a few years in bottle. The 2019 Albariño de Fefiñanes feels unusually expressive and ready, very approachable, with a harmonious nose but with none of that reductive character often found in the early bottled wines. It's floral, varietal, aromatic and clean, with a balanced palate combining volume with great freshness. I tend to like this wine two or three years after the harvest.

- Luis Gutiérrez (June 2020)

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