

Pazo Serantellos Albariño

Varietals: 100% Albariño
Total Acidity: 5.7 grams/liter
Malolactic Fermentation: 30%
Alcohol Content: 12% by Vol.

Tasting Notes: Made from 100% Albariño, Pazo Serantellos is a classic wine from Spain's cool "green" coast in the northwest corner of the country. This wine offers peach, nectarine and honeysuckle aromas. The palate is plush and round with a firm backbone of acidity for perfect balance. It has ripe flavors of pear, melon and citrus. Try it paired with grilled fish, shell fish or as an excellent cocktail wine.

Background: Founded in 1988 (the same year the D.O. Rias Baixas was officially granted its charter), Adegas Condés de Albarei is a cooperative of 362 grower/owners. It is located in the valley known as O Salnés, in the heart of D.O. Rias Baixas. It is two kilometers away from Cambados, in the province of "Galicia." Galicia is one of the oldest areas in Spain, settled originally by the Celts. Considered by many experts to be the most prestigious white-wine producing region of Spain today, D.O. Rias Baixas has produced wine for centuries; though its renaissance owes much to the modernization of winemaking that has taken place over the last two decades

Vineyards: Surrounded by mountains and crossed by the Umia River, the vineyards total 740 acres of Albariño, all of which are estate-owned by the grower/owners, not by contract-producers. The climate is the wettest in Spain, averaging 50 inches of rainfall per annum, and also one of the coolest of Spain's D.O.'s. In order to maximize the sun's effect on the maturation of the grapes, the "pergola" method of trellising is utilized. The vines are trellised by laying them flat, parallel to the ground across wiring five-to-six feet off the ground. This exposes the grapes to as much sun and drying breezes as possible, reducing rot caused by dampness, controlling infection by harmful bacteria and thus ensuring the fullest and most sanitary ripening possible.

Vinification: The winery is equipped with the most advanced technological equipment available. In a region where the average producer yields less than 4,000 cases annually, this winery is not only one of the largest at approximately 250,000 cases, but considered among the highest quality-producers in the entire region. The principal label is the Condés de Albarei Albariño, the first white wine from Spain to earn a gold medal at Vinexpo. In 1998, they received a second gold medal at Vinexpo.



"85 Points"- Pazo Serantellos Albariño 2010, *Wine Enthusiast*, November 2011

"87 Points"- Pazo Serantellos Albariño 2009, *Stephen Tanzer's IWC*, September/October 2010

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"89 Points - BEST VALUE"- Pazo Serantellos Albariño 2007, *Wine Spectator*, December 2008

"88 Points - BEST BUY"- Pazo Serantellos Albariño 2006, *Wine Enthusiast*, November 2007