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VINOS ATLÁNTICOS

Rodrigo Méndez of Forjas del Salnés, known locally as Rodri, represents the fifth generation of a family with centuries of winemaking heritage. Widely regarded as one of the world's greatest Albariño producers, he crafts over 15 small-batch bottlings from the micro-terroirs of Val do Salnés, the most coastal subzone of DO Rías Baixas—an appellation founded by his grandfather. Rodri also honors his family's legacy by leading the revival of nearly extinct local red varietals.

His wines are pure reflections of Salnés' diverse terroirs, achieved through historic techniques and a commitment to organic, low-intervention methods, including native yeast fermentation, extended lees contact without batonnage, and minimal sulfur use. As a grower, he deeply respects the region's ancient vineyards, trained in the traditional Parral (pergola) system, and takes a hands-on approach with extended hang times, manual harvests, and organic farming practices.

WHAT MAKES THIS WINE UNIQUE?: Lifelong viticulturist, Rodri Mendez extracts single vineyard selections, old vines, coastal vines and red varieties in the subzone Val do Salnes. Wines are Fresh acid, low alcohol (12%) red that undergo a process of whole cluster fermentation

RATING HISTORY: 2023 96JS; 2022 98WA, 97JS, 93VM; 2020 97+WA, 94TA; 2019 97WA; 2018 96WA; 2017 95WA; 2015 96WA; 2014 95 W&S Magazine "Year's Best Galician Wines"

GRAPE: 100% Caiño. Vines planted in 1862. Tended in sandy and granite soil at 80 m (262 ft) elevation

VINIFICATION AND AGING: 12 months in French oak barrels

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 It is nicely coated by juicy fruit, and the mineral core is evident. This is truly outstanding, and even if it might seem a bit hard for some, I think this is a very elegant, cool climate red. Really amazing: super aromatic, super intense, super complex, super mineral, super everything!

ALCOHOL CONTENT: 12.0%

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