Maisons Marques & Domaines





Pazo Barrantes

Gran Vino Albariño

Rías Baixas, Spain Vintage: 2021

Overview

Pazo de Barrantes, a wine that captures the subtle flavor and freshness of albariño, comes from one of the largest single estates in Salnés Valley, Rías Baixas D.O. of Galicia, Spain. The wine's true albariño character is a direct reflection of the Creixell family's core values of quality and estate-owned vineyards, paired with a modern winemaking approach and the latest technology.

The grapes used to elaborate the wine are sourced from Pazo de Barrantes estate, with 30 acres divided into 8 different plots located around the winery. The shallow soils of the estate are granitic with sand on the surface and the average age of the vineyard is 40 years. The vines are trained high on supporting wires in the 'parral' trellis system (also known as Parron), as is the local tradition, to guard against mildew and rot, and to assist ripening.

Winemaking

After an exhaustive hand-picked selection, the grapes are destemmed and pressed gently and slowly in a pneumatic press. The must is decanted by flotation to ensure greater aromatic purity and then fermented at 10°C in stainless steel tanks for approximately 30 days. After fermentation, the wine remains in contact with fine lees for three months inside the stainless steel tank.

The wine ages six months in stainless steel tanks, of which 15% in 225-litre acacia wood barrels followed by 16 months in bottle.

Tasting Notes

Enveloping nose with intense aroma of nectarine and yellow plum, hints of acacia blossom and fennel on a balsamic background. Vibrant and expressive in the mouth, it reveals the freshness of the vintage on a lively palate that leads to a broad and persistent finish.

Food Pairing

Pairs beautifully with grilled queen scallop over truffled potatoes and cavia, mille-feuille filled with smoked eel, white asparagus pudding, white shrimp with mint, marinated sardine, grapefuit jam and blood orange. The suggested serving temperature is 52°F.

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 100% Albariño Wine Alcohol: 13.5%

Soil Composition: Granitic with sand on the surface

Average Vine Age: 40 years