

# GRAN VINO ALBARIÑO 2020

Rías Baixas, Spain



**VARIETALS**  
100% Albariño

## 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 60 days. After fermentation, the wine remains in contact with fine lees for two months inside the stainless steel tank.

Seven months in stainless steel tanks, 15% in acacia wood barrels and 16 months in bottle.

**95**  
POINTS  
*Decanter*

The lovely Pazo Barrantes estate has been the home of the Creixell family since the 15th century... A complex and individual wine. Pierre Mansour: Delightful blossom fruit and floral notes on the nose. Very elegant, with incredible length and real finesse. Beth Willard: Delicate honey and floral aromas. The palate is perfectly rounded by the oak, which lends a gentle sweetness and spice. Peach and apricot on the finish with a touch of mango.

**95**  
POINTS  
*Wine Enthusiast*

The 2020 Albariño "Gran Vino" from Pazo Barrantes is rather unique in the region in having fifteen percent of the cuvée aged in acacia casks, to augment the other eighty-five percent raised in stainless steel. The wine is given seven months aging on its fine lees prior to bottling and then another sixteen months of bottle aging in the cellar prior to release. The 2020 offers up a very pretty nose of lemon, lime, ocean breeze, wet stone minerality, dried flowers and a hint of acacia wood. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied, focused and zesty, with lovely depth at the core, fine soil undertow and grip and just a touch of acacia wood framing that works very, every well with the wine. Lovely juice. 2023-2030.

**93**  
POINTS  
*Wine Enthusiast*

Aromas of mango, lemon zest and orange blossom waft from the glass. Striking pineapple and grapefruit flavors are joined by touches of vanilla and almond blossom that linger into the vivid finish.

**92**  
POINTS  
*VinCous*

The 2020 Gran Vino Pazo Barrantes is 100% Albariño from Ribadumia, Valle del Salnés, Rías Baixas. More mature in aroma than other vintages, the 2020 showcases soft oak, acacia and gentle peach notes. Broad, creamy and fresh, it delivers richness balanced by delicate vibrancy. This is the product of a warmer vintage that highlights contrasts.

