



VARIETALS
100% ALBARIÑO

ALCOHOL
13.5%

NEW OAK
30%

Pazo Barrantes GRAN VINO ALBARIÑO 2020

Single-vineyard

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 30 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.

Tasting Notes

A wide nuanced nose with ripe yellow plum and medlar fruit, subtle notes of bergamot and verbena underpinned by a fine balsamic background. Vibrant palate, well-balanced, fresh and textured. It shows a long and splendid finish.

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POINTS
JAMES SUCKLING.COM

Focused, ripe, mineral and intense, with lemon rind, stones and sea salt. Very tense and integrated, with tangy, bright acidity chiseled to the round, textured palate. An exceptional, transparent yet serious albariño here. Irresistible now. Drink on release or hold.

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POINTS
VIEW FROM
THE CELLAR

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.

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POINTS
Wine Spectator

This finely meshed white presents poached apricot and melon fruit flavors that are lightly honeyed, juicy and accented by a subtle streak of salinity and hints of chopped almond, lime blossom and warm spice. Silky, with a lingering finish. Drink now through 2025.