



D.O RIAS BAIXAS

GALICIA | VIGO & PONTEVEDRA | ESPANA VERDE | NORTH OF SPAIN

Over 90% of the wines produced are white, mostly made of Albariño grapes

MAIN BLACK GRAPES

Caiño Tinto, Espadeiro, Loureira Tinta, Sousón, Mencía and Brancellao

MAIN WHITE GRAPES

Albariño, Loureira Blanca (Marqués), Treixadura, Caiño Blanco, Torrontés and Godello

TRAINING SYSTEM

Pergola Training (high trellises) → good ventilation, space for other crops



Min. Alc. Content : 11% for Albariño, 10% for other whites, 9.5% for reds

HISTORY

07/10/1989 • CREATION OF THE PDO STATUS •

In 1980, the Specific Designation Albariño is added into the Official Bulletin.

1987 TO 2001 • EXPANSION OF THE AREA UNDER VINES •

From 237 Ha under vines, it reached 2,408Ha in 2001. In that same period, the number of growers went from 492 to 5,059, wineries from 14 to 161.

TERROIR

MAX T°C: 35°C • MIN T°C: 2°C • MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL: 1600MM

The region is particularly suited to the production of whites.

ATLANTIC OCEAN • HIGH RAINFALL IN THE WINTER

The Atlantic Ocean brings mild temperatures and high & well-distributed precipitation, with less rain in the Summer. The altitude is low, usually below 300m.

5 SUB REGIONS IN THE DO (SEE PAGE 2)

Val do Salnes, Condado do Tea & Rosal since 1988, Soutomaior since 1996 & Ribeira do Ulla since 2000

THE WINES

YOUTHFUL, CRISP & FRESH • ENJOY WITHIN 1 TO 2 YEARS • GOOD WITH SEAFOOD

Albariño is the region's #1 grape. Aromas of citrus, green apple, sometimes herbaceous, stone fruit (peach), light tropical fruit with a touch of minerality (sea breeze).

THE GOOD OLD YEARS

1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
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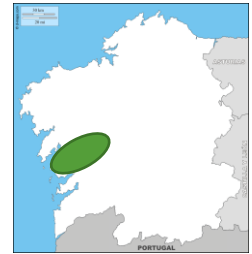
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VAL DO SALNÉS

TOP PRODUCERS

MARTIN CODAX (COOPERATIVE), MAR DE FRADES...

- Most important sub-region of Rias Baixas
- coolest & dampest (most northerly + on the coast)
- Pests & Diseases: Mildew
- Soils: rocky & alluvial
- Vineyards on hillsides (low hills) and flat valley floors
- Most important grape: Albarino (thick skinned → resistant to mildew)

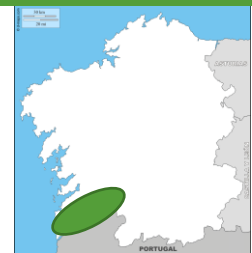


O ROSAL

TOP PRODUCERS

TERRAS GAUDAS, SANTIAGO RUIZ...

- Southern area
- Best vineyards on South facing hills
- Soils: alluvial
- Lower acidity than Val do Salnes
- 70% Albarino + Loureira (laurel-scented) & other indigenous grapes

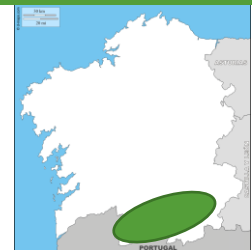


CONDADO DO TEA

TOP PRODUCERS

AS LAXAS, BODEGAS EIDOSELA...

- Tea is a small tributary of the Miño river
- Warmest sub-zone (far inland) with cold winters (frost)
- Soils: granite and slate
- Wines are more powerful & less refined
- 70% Albarino + Treixadura (perfumed) & other indigenous grapes

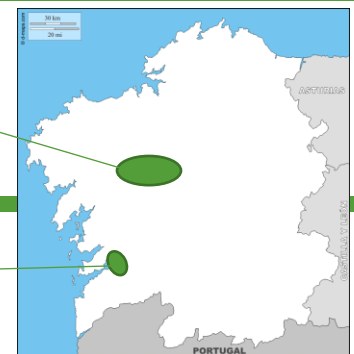


RIBEIRA DO ULLA

- Up North, South of Santiago de Compostela (Cool area)
- Added later to the DO (in 2000)
- Soils: Mainly alluvial
- 70% Albarino & some other indigenous grapes

SOUTOMAIOR

- North of Pontevedra
- Added to the DO in 1996
- Soils: sandy with granite
- White wines made of 100% Albarino



Other Styles & Appellations

RIAS BAIXAS: Any Sub-Zone | From Recognized White Varietals | At least 70% Officially Preferred Varietals

RIAS BAIXAS BARRICA: Same as Above + Min. 3 Months Ageing

RIAS BAIXAS TINTO: Any Sub-Zone | From Recognized Red Varietals

RIAS BAIXAS ESPUMOSO: Any Sub-Zone | Sparkling | From Recognized Grape Varietals