



Rías Baixas

Pazo de Galegos



Proprietor: Bodegas y Viñedos Pazo de Galegos was founded by Manuel García Gomez in 1989. Today they own 25 acres (10 Ha) of Albariño and Mencía grapes vines. The first vintage was in 1989.

Winemaker / Vineyard Manager: Paul García Cebeiro / Manuel García Gomez.

Location: In the autonomous region of Galicia (northwestern Spain) in the town of San Pedro de Vilanova, altitude 1,936 ft, within the Rías Baixas DO (Zone 1), in the Ribeira do Ulla sub zone, the northernmost and driest of the six sub zones.

Wines Made: Pazo de Galegos Albariño (plus other wines not currently imported by Ole).

Climate: The average temperature between April and October is 58.5° F, which is among the lowest average temperatures in Spain, with 47.4 inches of annual rainfall. It has one of the lowest recorded levels of precipitation in the Rías Baixas. This Atlantic (Zone 1) influenced climate's cool temperatures provide a longer growing/ripening period. Thanks to relatively low rainfall levels, unlike the overabundance of rain typical in the neighboring sub zones of the Rías Baixas, allows for healthy ripening to take place. The result is a wine made with fully physiological Albariño grapes.

Soil: The topsoil is sandy with clay subsoil. The sandy soil retains heat, drains water quickly, is low in organic material and low in PH content. The main quality of its clay subsoil is water retention, which is very positive due to the warm topsoil. The cool temperatures increase freshness and aromatic expression (increased acid), supported by a soil bed that allow its grapes to ripen in a low moisture environment, with ample water-nourishment from its water retaining subsoil. Its low organic material limits vegetative growth, thus keeping yields naturally low, resulting in more concentrated fruit flavors.

What makes Pazo de Galegos unique? 1) Pazo de Galegos is a distinct Albariño, revealing the true virtues of its unique terroir. 2) Fermented with the natural occurring yeasts from their own grapes. 3) Low yielding vines producing expressive / concentrated wines. 4) Pazo de Galegos undergoes partial malolactic fermentation, to achieve greater freshness and aromatic expression.



There are 6,981 acres of vineyard land in Rías Baixas.



Proprietor and winemaker Paul García



The vines are trained on a high trellis system, preventing excessive humidity and allowing for greater sun exposure hence full physiological ripeness.

BREAKDOWN OF VINEYARDS

VINEYARD	ACRES	AGE OF VINES (2006)	SOIL / SUBSOIL	ALTITUDE	SLOPE
ALBARIÑO	20	25	SAND / CLAY	1,936 ft	3%
MENCIA	5	5	SAND / CLAY	1,936 ft	3%