

Martín Códax

Martín Códax, Albariño DO Rías Baixas 2016

PRODUCER

Martín Códax is the largest producer in Galicia with 450 hectares of vineyard planted with Albariño, which represents 13% of the total Rías Baixas DO. The co-operative was founded in 1986 by a group of winemakers led by ninth generation winemaker Luciano Amoedo and currently comprises 2,400 tiny vineyard parcels individually managed by 550 families. Martín Códax was instrumental in the creation of the Rías Baixas DO in 1988 (in fact the statutes were signed at the winery) and are estate-grown Albariño specialists, conducting ongoing research into the variety.

VINEYARDS

The vineyards are primarily in the Salnés Valley, an average of five kilometres from the sea, ensuring the warm days are moderated by cool nights. The warm temperatures give ripeness and full citrus and apricot fruit, while the colder temperatures at night ensure fresh, pure Albariño aromatics.

VINTAGE

2016 surpassed expectations starting with rain and issues with mildew during flowering to spectacular weather in August allowing grapes to ripen well with slightly lower acidity but perfect balance.

VINIFICATION

The wine was fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel vats at 16-18°C and underwent full malolactic fermentation. It rested for four months on its fine lees which gave a smooth, almost creamy texture to the wine.

TASTING NOTES

Medium intensity with ripe citrus notes and tangerine. Predominantly, floral with hawthorn, jasmine and orange blossom, and a herbal hay carácter lingering in the background.



VINTAGE INFORMATION

Vintage	2016
Region	Rías Baixas, Galicia & North West
Grape Varieties	100% Albariño/Alvarinho
Winemaker	Luciano Amoedo & Katia Álvarez
Closure	Stelvin Lux
ABV	13%
Bottle Sizes	75cl