

DO FERREIRO

‘Top 100 Winery’ - Wine&Spirits 2019

‘Want to taste one of the very best expressions of a famed grape variety/region for less than \$30? This Spanish icon offers an alternative to higher-priced Burgundian/Loire Valley whites without sacrificing one iota of depth or minerality.’ - Master Somm Ian Cauble

Year Founded: 1986

Region: Rías Baixas, Spain

Founder: Gerardo Méndez

Winemaker(s): Gerardo's Children, Manuel and Encarna

Known For: Highly regarded for crafting Albariño, the winery has become a reference point for the grape.

-Organic & Vegan-

The winery farms over 175 tiny plots of Albariño by hand, located in the Salnés subzone of Rías Baixas. This valley's proximity to the ocean, ideal climate due to the natural protection by mountain ranges, and decomposed granitic soil have gained the reputation for being the ideal zone in Rías Baixas for growing profound Albariño. The blend of these plots is what makes up Do Ferreiro Albariño. Gerardo Méndez was part of the original group of 14 growers who elevated the region's potential, as he and his father Francisco were integral in forming the original denomination of origin Rías Baixas in 1988. Gerardo has become known for his outsized contribution to the region as a leader in quality winemaking and for his incredible generosity and amazing hospitality. For those who have been fortunate enough to sit with Gerardo

at his table and get to know him, they've found themselves in the presence of a man whose generosity, heart, and passion for sharing the secrets of his culture knows no bounds. Today, Manuel and Encarna contribute to the same spirit of uncompromising quality to the family business as they also push the exploration of Rías Baixas into new, uncharted territory. Manuel, who took over as lead-winemaker from his father with the 2015 vintage, is busy isolating plots and exploring how different soils, elevations, and exposures can affect these transparent wines. He is farming single vineyards, which demonstrate that the site is multidimensional here in the same way that it is in all great wine growing regions of the world. We are indeed still just at the very beginning of a long journey of discovery of the potential of Galicia and northwestern Spain. This is a journey that Manuel and Encarna are uniquely equipped to explore with their Gallego roots and family commitment to authenticity and excellence. Galicia is an unforgiving climate, especially for newcomers and outsiders. Here, greatness is carefully crafted and the landscape demands respect and hard work. The future is exciting, as Galicia works to claim its place as one of the world's great viticultural regions, we are thankful to have as our guide, the generous Gerardo Méndez, and his incredible family.



2024 Do Ferreiro Albariño, Rías Baixas



One of Spain's best Albariños!

'Do Ferreiro is one of the best Albariño producers. Gerardo Méndez, working with his daughter, Encarna, and son, Manuel, has been instrumental in making the case that Albariño can be a great, long-lived wine and not merely simple and fruity.' -Eric Asimov, NYT (November 2025)

Do Ferreiro Albariño is a blend of the best fruit from different zones and terroirs within the Salnés Valley and it is the wine that defines the winery. It is serious and balanced, complex and very complete with fully developed aromas and flavors, with a long, harmonious palate featuring vibrant acidity and a strong mineral, stony component. Do Ferreiro is a very dry, varietally correct wine that is really representative of the Salnés Valley terroir. Expressive and harmonious, combining power and freshness; Do Ferreiro Albariño is capable of developing in bottle for 10 years or more.

Site: Meaño, Salnés Valley at 150m to 250m

Vine age: 20 to 120+ years old

Soil: Decomposed granite and sand - sabrego

Vinification: Fermented with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel, without malo

Aging: 6-9 months on the fine lees in stainless steel

94 Points – Robert Parker

2024 Do Ferreiro Albariño Cepas Vellas, Rías Baixas



The famed Cepas Vellas Albariño from Do Ferreiro, one of Spain's iconic white wines capable of long aging and improvement in bottle, is sourced from a single 1.5ha Albariño vineyard in front of the winery in the Salnés Valley, planted in 1785. The historic vines are pergola trained and pruned with the Cazenave-Marcon method. Considered by many to be the apex expression of Rías Baixas Albariño, Cepas Vellas now stands with the great white wines of the world. Properly cellared, Cepas Vellas is capable of improving for 10 to 20 years.

Site: Meaño, Salnés Valley at 150m to 250m

Vine age: Vineyard planted in 1785, with the current vines being over 200 years old

Soil: Decomposed granite and sand - sabrego

Vinification: Fermented with indigenous yeasts in stainless steel

Aging: 11 months on the lees

96+ Points – Robert Parker – *"Pure elegance and finesse"*