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2017 Palacio de Fefiñanes III Año

Palacio de Fefiñanes

Spain - Galicia - Rías Baixas

ABOUT THE WINERY

Founded in 1904, Palacio de Fefiñanes is housed inside a spectacular baronial palace - the 17th century Plaza de Fefiñanes - which sits on the lovely main square of coastal Cambados. The facility was built in 1647 by viscount of Fefiñanes Gonzalo Sarmiento Valladares (1583-1659). They were the first producer to bottle wine under the D.O. Rías Baixas denomination, and the label design, which shows an engraving of the Fefiñanes Palace, dates back to 1928.

Palacio de Fefiñanes is currently owned by Juan Gil Careaga. Juan Gil is a respected winemaker, but he entrusts winemaking to the talented Cristina Mantilla, who also consults at several other prestigious estates in Galicia.

In the Rías Baixas region, where the vineyards are quite windy due to the proximity of the Atlantic Ocean, the wine gains a certain acidity and freshness. Vines are over 40 years old on average – some over 100 years old – and are all trained on trellises and planted on sandy soils, with some limestone and clay. The vineyards are grown at heights not much above sea level, enjoying the warm, damp Atlantic climate. Annual production is 11,000 cases.

ABOUT THE WINE

This rare style of lees-aged Albariño is only made in great years. III Año shows all the expressiveness of the Albariño grape, with a full nose of lemon, apple, exotic fruit, mineral character & hint of dried herbs. Complex and meaty with firm structure in the mouth, it promises a splendid evolution which will favor a long life for this elegant wine with personality. The palate's rich and thick with crisp acidity with citrus (lemon/grapefruit), apple and mango. Excellent length and a pleasant, refreshing finish.

RATINGS

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Vintage	2017
Appellation	Rías Baixas
Varietal(s)	100% Albariño
Soil Type	Clay & limestone
Vinification	Aging on the lees. Tank-aged for three years prior to release.
Size	6/750ml
UPC	7 84585 01524 5