



VARIETALS
100% albariño

ALCOHOL
13.5%

Pazo Barrantes

LA COMTESSE DE PAZO BARRANTES 2017

Overview

Pazo de Barrantes, a wine that captures the subtle flavor and freshness of albariño, comes from the largest single estate in Salnés Valley, Rías Baixas D.O. of Galicia, Spain. The wine's true albariño character is a direct reflection of the Creixell family's core values of quality and estate-owned vineyards, paired with a modern winemaking approach and the latest technology.

The grapes used to elaborate the wine are sourced from Pago Cacheiro, a 3.7-acre single-vineyard on the Pazo de Barrantes estate. The shallow soils of the estate are granitic with sand on the surface and the average age of the vineyard is 30 years. The vines are trained high on supporting wires in the 'parral' trellis system (also known as Parron), as is the local tradition, to guard against mildew and rot, and to assist ripening.

Winemaking

Hand-picked in 20kg crates, the albariño bunches are then destemmed before pressing to avoid any herb flavors. The grapes are pressed slowly and gently to respect and extract the intense aromatic potential that these old vine grapes provide. The must is decanted by flotation to ensure greater aromatic purity and then fermented at 50°F in 3,000-liter French oak vats for approximately 60 days.

Once the juice is settled, fermentation takes place in a temperature-controlled (50°F) 3,000-liter French Allier oak vat for 60 days. In an effort to gain more volume on the palate and a balanced mouth-feel, the wine is left in contact with its fine lees for six months. La Comtesse remains in this same wooden vat for 12 months, followed by 13 months in concrete tanks.

Tasting Notes

The amazing aromatic range of La Comtesse 2017 shows notes of ripe nectarine, quince fruit, hints of thyme, dill and fennel on top of its characteristic eucalyptus base. Full-bodied, savoury, structured, rich, creamy and a fresh yet persistent finish.

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POINTS
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Shimmering, green-tinged straw. Incisive, mineral-accented citrus, orchard and pit fruits on the assertively perfumed nose, along with hints of white flowers, sea salt and buttered toast. Lush and creamy in texture but sharply focused as well, offering densely packed, mineral-driven pear, Meyer lemon and nectarine flavors and a bracing touch of bitter quinine. Firms up on the finely detailed, impressively long and sharply etched finish, which emphatically repeats the citrus and mineral notes.

93
POINTS
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A perfumed nose of white peaches, lemon curd, apples, jasmine, green olives and sea breeze. It's medium-bodied with bright, tangy acidity. So flavorful and fruity with a mineral, salty edge. Some spiciness, too. Long.

91
POINTS
Wine Spectator

Orange blossom, lychee, papaya and lime oil notes are encased in a silky, supple texture in this medium-bodied white, which is engaging and aromatic, with spice notes echoing on the finish. Drink now through 2024.