



PAZO DE BARRANTES ALBARIÑO 2018

Pazo de Barrantes, a wine that captures the subtle flavor and freshness of albariño, comes from 30 acres of premium vineyards, the largest single estate in Salnés Valley, Rías Baixas D.O. of Galicia, Spain.

- **Since 1511**, the property has been in the hands of the counts of Creixell who also own Marqués de Murrieta in Rioja
- **The 30 acres single estate** is located in the birthplace of the Albariño variety (Salnés Valley)
- **One of the very few chateau-style estates** in the appellation with a very limited artisan production
- **Traditional viticulture**, where old vines are planted in granitic and sandy soils trained to parral trellis system

TASTING NOTES

With its pale straw yellow, the 2018 Pazo Barrantes shows an expressive and clear nose with intense aromas from pear, fruit salad, acacia blossom and bay. All of this under the maritime influence of Rías Baixas. In the palate, it is a savory, fresh and full-bodied wine with a pleasant finish from floral hints and juicy white fruit.

WINE ADVOCATE

91+ pts

The 2018 Albariño from a year that was wet until July, followed by a warm and dry summer that balanced the year, when they started harvesting on the 20th of September, more or less normal dates. The wine feels fresher and cooler than the 2017, like an upgraded version of the 2016, with more body and structure but keeping very good acidity. This was kept with the lees for two months. It feels young and tender, a little reductive right now, so it might need to be decanted if consumed early. It should come into a subtler profile with a little more time in bottle. I've always said that good Albariño is better in its second, third or fourth year in bottle, and this is no exception. While I like the clout of the 2017, I admire the subtleness and freshness of this 2018. *February 2019*

Wine Spectator

90 pts

This white has weight and focus. Lime, quince and blanched almond flavors mingle over tangy acidity, accented by herbal and briny notes. Firm and fresh. Drink now through 2024. *February 2020*

