

# THE SOURCE ACIOS DA XESTEIRIÑA GALICIA



## 2023 ALBARIÑO

### PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Xesteirina is destined to be yet another Val do Salnés Albariño superstar. This singular wine that comes in two forms, with added sulfites and without, from a single vineyard just west of Portonovo, two kilometers from the Atlantic. The project and property are owned and operated by the extremely sharp and thoughtful José Manuel Dominguez, an Agricultural Engineer who comes from three generations of winegrowers in Salnés. It's a unique geological location largely composed of granodiorite and what may be some transitional metamorphic rock similar to gneiss, the extremely spare topsoil is derived from the bedrock though almost entirely composed of organic matter. Surrounded by forests of mostly indigenous Galician trees (rare in these parts overrun by Eucalyptus), José Manuel approaches the vineyard work with caution and respect for the ecological environment. Organic methods guide his work, despite his being so close to the ocean—a hostile environment for mildew and vine diseases.

### VINEYARD DETAILS

Harvested from a 1.1-hectare plot north of Portonovo in Val do Salnés 2.5 kilometers from Atlantic. Bedrock is unique for Salnés, classified as granite & granodiorite (though very metamorphic-like; gneiss, schist), extremely thin topsoil & extremely dense bedrock. Vines planted 1972 with more vines planted 1986 on a gentle to steep slope.

### CELLAR NOTES

Natural fermentation partially in steel & old French oak, controlled temps (max of 24°C). Sulfites added just prior to bottling.



