

# THE SOURCE PEDRO MÉNDEZ GALICIA



## 2023 VIÑO BRANCO "AS ABELEIRAS" (DO RÍAS BAIXAS, ALBARIÑO)

### PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Cousin of local viticultural legend, Rodrigo Méndez, Pedro Méndez wears two hats with full-time work in his family's vineyards and their restaurant during the summer. Located in the Val do Salnés subzone of Galicia's Rías Baixas, he has medium-aged vines and pre-phylloxera Albariño vines that are nearly two-hundred years old that look more like trees. These ancient plants fill his full-bodied Albariños with structure and a pure citrusy, salty, mineral, high acidity power that only Albariño possesses. He also makes a compelling range of red wines with Mencía and Caíño.

### VINEYARD DETAILS

"As Abeleiras" is 100% Albariño harvested from an average of 28-year-old vines (2024) in the Salnés Valley's Meaño area. It's on flat surface of granite bedrock and topsoil between 100 meters of altitude on flat surface of granite bedrock and topsoil at less than 100m.

### CELLAR NOTES

"As Abeleiras" is naturally fermented for 1 month in steel at 18°C max. Aged on lees 12 months in steel without malolactic fermentation. It is filtered but not fined.

