

THE SOURCE ACIOS DA XESTEIRIÑA GALICIA



RÍAS BAIXAS ALBARIÑO 'DO BIOLLO'

PRODUCER OVERVIEW

Xesteiriña 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 medium-aged vines in Castrelo (Cambados) in the Val do Salnés ~2 km from the Atlantic. Granite & granodiorite bedrock and gravelly/sandy topsoil on a mild slope.

CELLAR NOTES

Natural fermentation (max 24°C) and aging 8 months in 60% old 225- and 500-liter old French oak and 40% steel. Sulfites added just prior to bottling. No fining. No filtration.

