

PAZO CILLEIRO ALBARIÑO 2022

Rías Baixas, Spain



MURIEL



TASTING NOTES: This Albariño is a very lively pale gold, with green reflections. Pazo Cilleiro has an intense nose, with pronounced notes of citrus and white fruit (pears, apples and white peaches), as well as floral hints. The palate is vibrant and fresh, with the fruit from the nose filling the mouth. It has the typical intense texture of a well-grown Albariño, with a round, persistent and pleasantly refreshing finish.

VITICULTURE: The grapes are selected from small vineyards around the winery in Salnés Valley, which is the heart of Rias Baixas, along Spain's northwest coast. The soil is granitic, rich in quartz, with a sandy texture, and the average age of the vines is between 20 to 25 years. The climate is Atlantic, with moderate temperatures and an abundance of rain. The summer of 2021 was cooler and rainier than normal, although at the end of August there was good weather conditions, which allowed an easy and fast harvest. Its results were an outstanding yield of very good quality grapes. Many consider it a historic harvest in terms of grape quality.

VINIFICATION: Harvest was conducted by hand in small boxes, taking place later than usual, during the last two weeks of September. The grapes were destemmed, gently pressed and then transferred to stainless steel vats, where they were fermented over 14 days. The finished wine rests in bottle for an average of two months before release.

FAMILY: In 1926, Bodegas Murua was founded by José Murua in Rioja Alavesa, one of the three sub-regions of Rioja. Determined to follow in his father's footsteps, Julián Murua Entrena began his own wine journey specializing in the art of blending, eventually establishing Bodegas Muriel in 1982. Bodegas Muriel excels at producing elegant and complex Reserva-designated Riojas. The name "Muriel" is a blending that comes from the owners' last name, Murua, the region of Rioja and the town of Elciego. Julián and his son Javier now run the winery with a mission to meld the long-held winemaking traditions of the region with the new technologies of today.

PRODUCER: Pazo Cilleiro

REGION: Rías Baixas, Spain

GRAPE(S): 100% Albariño

SRP: \$19.99

ALCOHOL: 13%

TOTAL ACIDITY: 8.37 G/L

RESIDUAL SUGAR: 1.1 G/L

pH: 3.32