

Rias Baixas, SPAIN



From the Murua Family, owners of Bodegas Muriel, Conde de los Andes, and Viña Eguia in Rioja, Pazo Cilleiro Albariño is made from selected small vineyards around the winery, in Salnés Valley, in the heart of Rías Baixas appellation (in Galicia - Northwestern Spain). Fresh, humid, soft and pleasant...this is the personality of this valley in Rías Baixas.

Long ago, monks arrived there and settled in the beautiful valley near the sea, they built a monastery called, Armenteira. The monks planted their vines and soon realized how well they adapted to this new land. One of the monks was appointed as the official winemaker of the monastery and called the "Pazo Cilleiro" or the Cellar Master. In the dark of the cellar, the Pazo Cilleiro kept the treasure of Armenteira, a white wine "made to touch heaven".

A thousand years later, the inspiration is still the care and passion of the ancient cilleiros. The soil is granite, quite rich in quartz but poor in organic components, with a sandy texture. The vines are 25 years old, grown mostly in the traditional pergola system. All processes from vineyard to winery are focused to extract the maximum quality of this highly concentrated grape.





SCORE HIGHLIGHTS

2019

91 Pts. Vinous

" Pale, green-tinged straw. Vibrant citrus and orchard fruit scents are complemented by honeysuckle and smoky mineral flourishes. Juicy, penetrating and lively in style, offering vibrant Anjou pear, tangerine and white peach flavors and a touch of fennel. Becomes fleshier with air and finishes with sharp clarity and strong tenacity, leaving mineral and pear skin notes behind."

2018 90 Pts. James Suckling

"A little lifted pears and apples on the nose with a succulent, juicy feel and plenty of white peaches on offer. This has good depth. Drink now."