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Albariño 2008

Located in the Salnes Valley of Rias Baixas, Do Ferreiro is a relatively young winery with a very old past. While this family-owned winery was founded in 1973, the current owner, Gerardo Mendez, sources the grapes from five hectares of vineyards that have been in his family for generations. The Salnes Valley is known throughout the region as being the best subzone of Rias Baixas. The locals often refer to this valley as “the footprint of God.” The valley is surrounded on three sides by high ridges that trap the maritime air in the “heel” of the footprint, the footprint then extends to the coast where the “toes” can be seen among the rocky outcrops protruding into the Atlantic. This ocean-facing bowl creates a unique terroir, or terroir, that distinguishes the Salnes Valley from the rest of Rias Baixas. Believing that great wine is made through a balance of terroir and winemaking, Gerardo seeks to preserve the terroir in his winemaking. By taking great care and adhering to organic principles in the cultivation of the grapes, Gerardo ensures that the grapes reflect the wonders of their home. He ferments each of his eight parcels of Albariño separately so that they may retain their unique characteristics and then he expertly blends those characteristics into perfect balance for his Do Ferreiro Albariño.

Wine: Do Ferreiro Albariño 2008
Grapes: 100% Albariño
Vine age: 15-50 years
Soil: Granite and sand.
Farming: Non-certified organic.
Vinification: Fermented in stainless steel using only indigenous yeasts.

