



Do Ferreiro, Rias Baixas

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Cepas Vellas 2010

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. These vineyards include the oldest vines in Rias Baixas: the Cepas Vellas vineyard. Cepas Vellas, or “old vines,” is an appropriate name for this sandy, granite, hillside vineyard. No one is exactly sure how old these vines are but the oldest record of them was written 200 years ago when these vines were already known as being old, at least older than the vineyard owner. The Salnes Valley is known throughout the region as being the best subzone of Rias Baixas. The valley is an ocean-facing bowl that creates a unique *terruño*, or *terroir*, that distinguishes it from the rest of Rias Baixas. Believing that great wine is made through a balance of *terruño* and winemaking, Gerardo seeks to preserve the *terruño* 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.

Wine: Do Ferreiro Cepas Vellas 2010

Grapes: 100% Albariño

Vine age: 200+ years

Soil: Granite and sand.

Farming: Ancestral.

Vinification: Fermented in stainless steel using only indigenous yeasts. Aged on the lees for 11 months.

