



Do Ferreiro, Rias Baixas

## Do Ferreiro D.O. Rias Baixas

### Rebisaca 2007

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 *terruño*, or *terroir*, that distinguishes the Salnes Valley 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. One particular home is the Rebisaca vineyard. Bearing the name of its home, the Rebisaca is a blend of 85% Albariño and 15% Treixadura. Gerardo follows his winemaking philosophy of adhering to the *terruño* with the Rebisaca by fermenting the juice in stainless steel using only indigenous yeasts. He then ages the wine on the lees for nine months before bottling.

**Wine:** Do Ferreiro Rebisaca 2007

**Grapes:** 85% Albariño and 15%  
Treixadura

**Vine age:** 15 to 50 years

**Soil:** Granite and alluvial

**Farming:** Non-certified organic

**Vinification:** Fermented in stainless steel  
using only indigenous yeast and then aged  
on the lees for 9 months.

**Production:** 200 cases

