



VALKYRIE SELECTIONS



NÉBOA



ALBARIÑO 2016

NÉBOA || Galicians have more than 70 words to describe rain and fog as it is a defining element throughout the region. NÉBOA is one such word, found in folklore texts to describe the fog that looms over the hillsides. This custom cuvee is made for Valkyrie Selections in the Condado do Tea subregion of Rías Baixas. On one trip to Galicia, we heard about a unique single vineyard site in their holdings that struck our curiosity and piqued our interest. One visit to the site and we knew it was a special place that has the potential to make a truly world class Albariño.

RÍAS BAIXAS || Located in the northwest Spanish peninsula, Rías Baixas is best known for its extraordinary wines made from the Albariño variety. The name of the region is from the Galician language, Gallego, which means “low estuary”. It is here the Atlantic Ocean makes inroads into the land amidst legendary forests to form the ‘Rías Baixas’. Weather here is very special, with mild winters and a lot of rain. Soils are very poor in nutrients, with high acidity content on a variety of terrains including sand, granite and slate.

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BLEND | 100% Albariño

VINEYARDS | From the hillsides of Condado do Tea including an extraordinary plot with 75 year old vines on slate soils. This is unique both because of the age of the vines, but also the slate component (most of the rest of the DO is granite soils).

WINEMAKING | Vinification and elevage in tank on the lees.

ALCOHOL | 12%

BAR CODE | 091037388186

TASTING NOTES | The cooler, higher elevation Condado do Tea subregion gives rise to a fresh, precise expression of Albariño in general and this particular site lends an intense mineral streak through the wine. A floral, blossomy nose with peach and apricot aromas which carry through on the palate with taut structure, complex fresh fruit, understated mid-palate weight, all on a strong backbone of mineral acidity.

PRESS HISTORY | 2014 - 90 points, *Vinous Media*
2013 - 90 points, *Tanzer*