

Bodegas del Palacio de Fefinanes

Spain - Galicia

Founded in 1904, Palacio de Fefiñanes is housed inside a spectacular baronial palace - the 17th century Plaza de Fefiñanes - which sits on the lovely main square of coastal Cambados. The facility was built in 1647 by viscount of Fefiñanes Gonzalo Sarmiento Valladares (1583-1659). They were the first producer to bottle wine under the D.O. Rías Baixas denomination, and the label design, which shows an engraving of the Fefiñanes Palace, dates back to 1928.

Palacio de Fefiñanes is currently owned by Juan Gil Careaga. Juan Gil is a respected winemaker, but he entrusts winemaking to the talented Cristina Mantilla, who also consults at several other prestigious estates in Galicia.

In the Rias Baixas region, where the vineyards are quite windy due to the proximity of the Atlantic Ocean, the wine gains a certain acidity and freshness. The winery has only a token acreage (.5 hectares) and buys its Albariño grapes from producers under long-term contract and with technical assistance from the winery's enologist. Vines are over 40 years old on average - some over 100 years old - and are all trained on trellises and planted on sandy soils, with some limestone and clay. The vineyards are grown at heights not much above sea level, enjoying the warm, damp Atlantic climate.

Year after year, local critics rate Albariño de Fefiñanes as one of the best. Palacio de Fefinanes produces 11,000 cases annually.



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1904
Location
Spain
Wine Production Area
Spain - Galicia - Rias Baixas
Owners
Juan Gil de Araujo & Gonzalo de Careaga
Winemaker
Cristina Mantilla
Grape Varietals
Albarino
Annual Production
11,000 (9-liter cases)
Website
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