Background
The finest ingredients produce the finest wines. Mar de Frades Albariño comes from Rías Baixas, the most important DO in Spain's northwestern region of Galicia. Situated directly above Portugal, Rias Baixas is a gorgeous, lush area along the Atlantic coast. Rías Baixas gained DO recognition in 1988, one year after a group of local growers founded Mar de Frades. They were intent on bringing international recognition to the then little-known albariño grape. They set about accomplishing that goal by making sure Mar de Frades expressed the full scope of albariño's complex character. Look for the wine's signature streaks of minerality and salinity alongside a core of citrus and stone fruit.

Appellation
Rías Baixas DO

Sourcing
Val do Salnés

Varietal Composition
100% Albariño

Winemaking
Hand-picked grapes arrived in small crates to the sorting table where perfect bunches are selected. The grapes were then macerated for 10 to 20 hours, producing clean, aromatic musts. Slow and controlled fermentation transferred acidity to the wine, giving it a special liveliness.

Vintage Notes
A wet spring and mild, sunny summer led to an early but calm harvest. Yield was lower than anticipated but grapes were more concentrated than the previous year with more balanced acidity.

Tasting Notes
Lemon pale yellow color with golden hues and bright lime hints. Notes of green apples and stone fruits balanced by the aromas of white flowers. Bright sensations of lychees and other exotic fruits finishes with hints of minerality.

Technical Data
pH 3.25  RS 1.7 g/L
TA 7.7 g/100mL  Alc. 12.5%

Winemaker
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