



DESDE  1924

# RAMÓN BILBAO

HARO · RIOJA ALTA

ALBARIÑO

2016

## BACKGROUND

The finest ingredients produce the finest wines. That's still the philosophy at Ramón Bilbao. Maintaining tradition is the guiding philosophy of today's Ramón Bilbao, where winemakers produce award-winning wines that embody a modern consumer-friendly style.

Albariño comes from Rías Baixas, a region in Galicia, located in northwest Spain. It is a gorgeous, lush, and green area along the Atlantic seacoast directly above Portugal. The word 'Rías' means estuaries and Rías Baixas means lower estuaries. Albariño, a white grape variety, is the signature variety from Rías Baixas, known for its crisp acidity, making it a perfect pairing to seafood.

## APPELLATION

Rías Baixas

## SOURCING

Val do Salnés

## VARIETAL COMPOSITION

100% Albariño

## WINEMAKING

Each plot is harvested in small crates on the day that the grapes achieve perfect ripeness. The clusters then pass over the sorting table from which only the best berries go on to be processed. The first musts from the plots chosen for Ramón Bilbao are slowly fermented in tanks to bring out the freshness and exotic character of the albariño.

## VINTAGE NOTES

A mild winter was followed by a rainy spring. Summer surprised with continuous long, hot days of sunshine which led to water stress on the vines just as the clusters were ripening. On September 6th, harvest began.

## TASTING NOTES

Straw-yellow in color with bright green accents the color of Granny Smith apples. On the nose, fresh aromas and a salty touch which mingle with nuances of apricot and peach. On the palate, elegant freshness harmoniously balances the sweet sensations left by the fruit flavors. Smooth and supple with a full body and a lively finish.

## TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.31      RS 9.7 g/L  
TA 1.5 g/L      Alc. 12.5%

## WINEMAKER

Rodolfo Bastida