

# Alvinte Albarino 2016



**Bodega As Laxas** – Bodegas As Laxas is a family owned and operated bodega located in the Condado do Tea subsection of the Rias Baixas region in northwest Spain near the Atlantic coast. The estate vineyards are terraced with a southern exposure overlooking the Mino River, which separates Spain from the northern border of Portugal. Bodegas As Laxas was one of the first bodegas in the region to be awarded the status of D.O. Rias Baixas.

**History** -- The bodega was founded in 1862 and operated continuously until the original bodega was destroyed in a fire in 1960. The bodega was rebuilt soon afterwards and has been continuously updated and remains on the cutting edge of wine technology.

**Tasting Notes** – Clear straw yellow color with green nuances. Fruity and floral aromas of apple, stone fruits, and lemon. Silky and soft on the palate with pear, honeysuckle, and slight orange flavors and a touch of minerality. Balanced.

**Alvinte** – Alvinte is produced from single vineyard, estate grown grapes with a total southern exposure.

**Imported since** – 1996

**Appellation:** Rias Baixas

**Composition:** Albarino

**Soil:** granite with a high concentration of aluminum and sand

**Elevation:** 1100 to 1800 feet

**Vineyard practice:** dry farming with irrigation used only in late August if needed. Oyster and mussel shells are added in the vineyards to increase the acidity of the soil

**Vine Age:** more than 30 years old

**Yield:** 2.18 tons per acre

**Harvest Dates:** September 19 to 30 by hand with selection table

**Fermentation:** 17 to 23 days in small stainless steel tanks with temperature control and with natural (also known as wild or indigenous) yeast

**Aging:** Tank: minimum 3 months, Bottle: minimum 2 months

**pH:** 3.50

**Residual Sugar:** less than 2.0 grams per liter

**Alcohol:** 12.5 %

**UPC:** 7 50428 21347 5

## **Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:**

None yet

## **Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:**

2012: 89 points – Wine Enthusiast

2011: 89 points – The Wine Advocate

**Region:** Rias Baixas is located in the northwest corner of Spain on the Atlantic coast north of Portugal. All wines with the D.O. Rias Baixas designation must be made entirely from the Albarino varietal. Rias Baixas enjoys the rainiest climate in Spain, which is a requirement for growing the Albarino grape. You can feel the humidity through the soles of your shoes when you walk through the vineyard on a hot day in July. The grapes are trellised about 5 feet above the ground in order to allow the wind to blow under the grapes to remove the humidity and lend some protection to the grapes against mildew and rot.