

Laxas Sensum Brut 2016



Wine Ratings -- This Vintage:
None yet

Wine Ratings -- Earlier Vintages:
2012: 90 points – Vinous

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. This is one of the first sparkling wines produced from the Albarino varietal.

Tasting Notes – Bright straw yellow color. Citrus and pit fruit aromas with some beeswax, chamomile, and tarragon. Tangerine and white peach flavors with some anise. Chalky minerality. Balanced. Soft finish.

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 15 to 18

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

Aging: Bottle: 12 months by Methode Champonoise (second fermentation in the bottle)

pH: 3.41

Residual Sugar: 8.0 grams per liter

Alcohol: 12.6 %

UPC: 7 50428 22007 7

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 has the rainiest climate in Spain, which Albarino requires. The grapes are trellised about 5 feet above the ground to allow the wind to blow under the clusters to remove the humidity and lend some protection to the grapes from mildew and rot.