



AGRO DE BAZAN

GRANBAZAN

RIAS BAIXAS

FACT SHEET



OWNER

Manuel Otero and nephew Jesus Alvarez

PRODUCTS

Rias Baixas, Etiqueta Verde, Granbazan

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Rias Baixas, Don Alvaro de Bazan, Granbazan

SIZE OF THE VINEYARDS

17 hectares of estate vineyards, plus long-term contracts with growers owning well-situated plots.

LOCATION OF THE VINEYARDS

The extraordinary mansion and cellars are located in Tremoedo, 3km from the sea behind Vilanova de Arousa. This is the heart of the Salnes valley subzone of Rias Baixas, north of Pontevedra, which many commentators regard as the best for fresh, mineral-driven Albariño. The vineyards surround the winery.

SOIL

Granite.

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Albariño

AVERAGE AGE OF THE VINES

30 years old.

AVERAGE PRODUCTION

500 000 bottles per year.

VINIFICATION AND AGEING

The grapes are hand-picked, destemmed, cooled and loaded into rotary maceration tanks for 6 to 8 hours of cold maceration. The best parcels are separated as free-run juice and the others are gently pressed. Then the musts are settled and cleared before fermentation in stainless steel and glass-lined concrete tanks, using cultured and wild yeasts. "Verde" is blended from free run and gently pressed juice, while "Ambar" is 100% free run juice. Both are aged on the fine lees in tank for 4 to 5 months before bottling.

Cuvée Don Alvaro is a special reserve, which is fermented 8 weeks on the lees with batonnage, then 20 months in tank, and then further ageing in bottle before release. The current release is 5 years old but totally fresh. It does not see any oak.



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NOTES ON THE PROPERTY

Ask a Spanish wine professional to name the leading and best Albariño, and chances are they'll reply GRANBAZAN. Top restaurants and wine shops all over Spain list the distinctive green and amber labels, which once seen - and tasted - are rarely forgotten !

Surprisingly, these wines have had only sporadic export distribution, but this is about to change now as Granbazan joins the Europvin portfolio of leading Spanish wineries.

Founded in 1981, Granbazan was the original quality pioneer in the region, the first estate to invest in modern winemaking equipment and trained enologists, the first to use clean, free run juice and cool fermentation to realize the world class potential of the Albariño grape.

Today, Granbazan remains ahead of the chasing pack, with its privileged terroir of granite soils planted with mature vines close to the sea, and its continuing commitment to excellence.

"Etiqueta Verde" clearly demonstrates the quality of the estate, with precision, depth, and a fine balance of floral and mineral flavors. "Etiqueta Ambar", 100% free run from the oldest vines, is the Granbazan signature wine, the most elegant and complete Albariño we have yet tasted?and we have been tasting a lot recently !