

Eladio Pineiro 2015 Albarino Amodiño (Rias Baixas)

WineWise Code	SEP-AMO15
Country	Spain
Region	Rias Baixas
Color	White
Alcohol by Volume	13
Acidity	7
Residual Sugar	1.5
Annual cases produced	688
Varieties	100% Albariño
Aging method	Stainless Steel
Aging duration (months)	24 months
Lees Contact or Stirring	ages 3 months with the previous year lees, and 3 more months with the next year lees. After that will also spend at least 5 more months of ripening in the tank, being bottled at the end of the year, so 2 years after harvest.
Vineyard Name	Frore de Carme
Soil Type(s)	Loam
Farming practices	Bio-dynamic
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested



Notes from the producer:

Eladio Piñero founded Bodegas Mar de Frodes in 1983, after spending many years making Albariño wine, before the Appellation Rías Baixas was granted. In January 2003, due to events that have influenced the life of his family, he decided to sell his winery, only keeping the vineyards he owned. Supported by his family, Eladio decided to take a step forward, doing what really excited, and motivates him, and started making wines again. By showing their roots and history, he produced a red from Portuguese Alentejo, and whites from Albariño Rías Baixas, while having absolute freedom to create, and develop small amounts of real wine.

WineWise Notes:

Ever the restless one, Eladio conceived the original notion that aging this wine on the lees of THREE vintages (2014 and 2016, in addition to its own), might be interesting. And was he ever right! The textural gains are really remarkable, and yet the overall impression on the palate is slender, saline and fine, after the gorgeous, shimmering, floral nose. “Amodiño” means in the Galician dialect something like “slow down and savour” – an excellent piece of advice to appreciate the myriad attractions of this utterly original wine.

My charming interpreter had little to do when I visited Eladio Piñero this May, because the irrepressible Eladio can reach an audience no matter what their level of Spanish. One of the founders of large scale Albariño production in Spain with Mar de Frodes in 1983, he left it all behind when his wife fell ill in 2003, selling the winery and keeping only a few prized vineyards. Now he dedicates himself to making artisanal hand-crafted Albariño (also hand-bottled and hand labeled....you get the drift) in the prime vineyard area of the Salnés Valley. Additionally, and most unusually, they make red wine in Portugal’s Alentejo, where they have a second home. His (fully recovered) wife Carmen designs the whimsical labels, he commissioned the unique and patented bottle shapes, everything is bio-dynamic except a few parcels in transition, and the wines are as original as they sound. Don't miss them, and don't wait - total production is about 5,000 cases.

