

## `Organistrum` Rías Baixas Albariño 2015

Rías Baixas, Galicia, Spain



### PRODUCER

Martín Códax was founded in 1986 by a group of winemakers led by 9th generation winemaker Luciano Amodeo. Today it comprises around 2,400 tiny vineyard parcels managed by 550 families in Rías Baixas. It has become the largest producer in Galicia with 450 hectares of vineyard planted with Albariño, representing 13% of the total Rías Baixas DO. The co-operative was instrumental in the creation of the Rías Baixas DO in 1988 (the statutes were signed at the winery) and has championed and conducted extensive research into the Albariño variety. Named after the medieval Galician poet and musician Martín Códax, the winery has strong links to local art and music.

### VINEYARDS

The Albariño Organistrum is made with grapes that come from a selected plot that faces the south west and is located at 110 metres above sea level. The grapes from this vineyard usually ripen sooner than the rest of their plots. The grapes are chosen in order to make a wine that will improve after ageing in barriques.

### VINTAGE

2015 was marked by an unexpectedly dry summer, with no significant rain for almost three months. Yields were lower than those in 2014 with an average of 8,500 kilograms per hectare in the DO. Harvest began 10 days early, and even though it rained in the middle of harvesting, the rain only lasted three days and did not affect the health of the grapes.

### VINIFICATION

The grapes were picked by hand into 20 kilogram plastic crates. On arrival at the winery, they were destemmed and pressed. Alcoholic fermentation took place at 16-18°C in stainless steel vats. The fermentation was completed in French oak barrels (300-500 litres), and was followed by malolactic fermentation. The wine was kept in oak for six months with occasional bâtonnage, it was then racked and rested for a further 12 months before bottling.

### TASTING NOTES

Vanilla notes dominate on the nose, along with floral notes, and smokey wood hints from the ageing in barriques. Lemon, grapefruit and white stone fruits come through on the powerful, full-bodied palate, which has well-balanced acidity and a long finish.

Grape Varieties	<b>100% Albariño/Alvarinho</b>
Winemaker	<b>Luciano Amoedo &amp; Katia Álvarez</b>
Closure	<b>Natural Cork</b>
ABV	<b>13%</b>
Notes	<b>Vegetarian, Vegan</b>