

BLACK ANKLE
vineyards

2023 ALBARIÑO NORTE

WINE PROFILE:

Floral aromas and bright minerality bring a fresh, coastal feel to this easygoing white. Crisp and lively from the first sip, this 100% Albariño offers a lovely balance of freshness and texture, with a pleasantly round finish that invites you back for more. Its vibrant character and refreshing acidity make it a wonderful companion to everything from fresh seafood and light appetizers to relaxed afternoons in the sunshine. Approachable, versatile, and effortlessly enjoyable, Albariño Norte is equally happy in your glass on its own or alongside a delicious meal!

ABOUT THE VINTAGE/GROWING SEASON:

2023 was a really great growing season, in fact we almost got too much of a good thing. We had a little bit of rain here and there in the early summer followed by a long, hot dry spell during the middle of the season. The lack of rain meant smaller grapes, and in turn a much higher skin to juice ratio. The wine that we've tasted out of the of the 2023 vintage has been fantastic. The dry weather, though, did push our soil's lack of water holding capacity to its limits. Some of our vines did begin showing small signs of drought stress. To combat this in the future, we've started adding compost next to our vines to increase the water holding capacity just enough to keep our vines healthy, but still working hard.

WINEMAKING NOTES:

Estate-grown and sustainably farmed on our 146 acre farm, our grapes are tended by hand throughout the growing season and are harvested by hand in the fall. After an overnight rest in the cool winery, the Albariño wine grapes are sorted, de-stemmed, and gently pressed before the juice is transferred into stainless steel fermentation tanks. Fermentation is done at a cool temperature and typically takes about a month to complete.

VARIETAL:
100% Albariño

ABV: 13.9%

HARVESTED:
September 5

BOTTLED: Spring 2024

CASES: 270

VINES PER ACRE: 1895

GEOLOGY:
Decomposing slate with veins of quartz

WINEMAKERS:
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