



La Val Albariño 2024

100% Albariño — DO Rías Baixas

WINERY:	Bodega La Val (CVNE Group)
WINEMAKER:	José María Ureta
APPELLATION:	DO Rías Baixas — Condado do Tea
VINEYARDS:	Taboexa (granite), Arantei/Porto (alluvium), Vilachán (schist)
GRAPE:	100% Albariño — Estate grown, 130 acres
VINTAGE:	2024 12.5% ABV pH 3.2
PURCHASED:	Maison Li, Alicante — €37.00

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RICK'S SCORE / 100

Wine Advocate: 91+ | Peñín: 90

OUTSTANDING

VALUE RATING | €37.00 (restaurant)

Rick's Value Score: 9.2 / 10

RICK'S TASTING NOTES

A beautiful example of what Albariño should be. Crisp and mineral with a long, elegant finish and just a slight touch of sweetness that adds balance without ever losing the signature Atlantic freshness. Textbook Rías Baixas.

WINERY TASTING NOTES

Bright straw yellow with green highlights. Intense floral aromas on the nose with notes of white peach, citrus zest and fresh herbs. Vibrant on the palate with very good freshness and acidity — the hallmark sharp Albariño profile La Val is known for. Saline and slightly bitter finish with excellent length.

THE STORY

Founded in 1985 — before DO Rías Baixas even officially existed — Bodega La Val is one of Galicia's pioneering estates. Unusually for the region, every bottle comes entirely from their own 130 acres of estate-grown Albariño, spread across three distinct vineyard sites in the Condado do Tea sub-zone. Each brings something different to the blend: Taboexa on granite for acidity, Arantei and Porto on alluvial soils for fruit depth, and Vilachán on schist for minerality. Trained in the traditional pergola system to manage Galicia's notoriously humid Atlantic climate, the vines produce grapes of exceptional concentration. Winemaker José María Ureta ferments entirely in stainless steel with five months on the lees, preserving every nuance of the terroir. La Val is now part of the prestigious CVNE group, but the estate character and quality-first philosophy remain intact.

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WINE ADVOCATE: 91+ points — "sharp, fresh, floral — not exotic or exuberant"