



SERRA^{DA} ESTRELA

Wine Region: RIAS BAIXAS, SPAIN

Date Established: 2000

Winemaker: CRISTINA MANTILLA



If you ask a wine lover to name Spain's best region for white wine, chances are the reply will be an enthusiastic "Rias Baixas, of course!"

Northwest Spain's Rias Baixas (ree'-yahs bye'-shass) appellation in Galicia has made a dramatic entrance onto the global wine stage in recent years as the premier source of the country's most alluring and refreshingly vibrant white wines. This distinctive region – with its cool, damp maritime climate and lush green vegetation – is unlike any other part of Spain, and has proven to be an ideal environment for cultivation of premium quality Albariño (ahl-bah-reen yoh) grapes.

The Serra da Estrela winery, established in 2000 by owner Carlos Gomez, has swiftly made a name for itself as source of some of the region's most expressive Albariño wines. The winery is situated in the *Condado do Tea* subzone of Rias Baixas on the northern slopes of the Miño river, just across from Portugal's Vinho Verde region. Albariño vines achieve excellence in the granite soils that characterize this terrain.

ALBARIÑO:

89 Points

Wine Spectator, June 2007

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The Wine Advocate, February 2007

