Growers *Alberto Nanclares & Silvia Prieto*

Appellation *Rías Baixas*

Subzone/Locality *Val do Salnés*

Climate *Atlantic*

Varieties *Albariño*

Soil *Granite, Sand*

Elevation *Sea level*

Vine Age *30+ years*

Pruning *Pergola*

Farming *Practicing organic*

Production *212 cases (6pk)*

Nanclares y Prieto

Paraje Mina 2016

Alberto Nanclares is a *colleteiro* working just 5 hectares of vineyards comprised of 13 tiny parcels around the town of Cambados and the Meaño areas of the Val do Salnés subzone of Rías Baixas. Alberto's goal is to produce classic and age-worthy Albariños that reflect the unique characteristics of the grape and terruño by utilizing organic viticulture with very little intervention in the winery. With the 2014 vintage, Alberto started collaborating with organic farmer Roberto Regal in the Minho area of Ribeira Sacra to produce a red wine; he also brought on **Silvia Prieto** as his collaborator, to help with the day-to-day operations as well as with this growing and innovative domaine.

Meaño is a village and county with 7 *parroquias* or parishes located just west of Cambados in the Val do Salnés subzone of Rías Baixas. The full Atlantic exposure, coupled with the slightly inland location, gives Albariños with a uniquely brisk and saline character, coupled with lush stone fruit, the kind of wine that pairs well with the richer seafood of that the region is famous for.

Paraje Mina is from a single, west-facing vineyard of the same name, on sandy granitic soils very rich in organic matter. After a hot spring and summer, grapes were hand-harvested beginning September 7th. The grapes were whole-cluster pressed and wild yeast fermented in 500L steel tanks and used French oak barrels, and raised on the lees for 9 months with weekly battonage only for the first 2 months, then bottled with very modest levels of SO2 and without clarification or filtration. An ocean-infused, multilayered and age-worthy Meaño! One of the most distinctive and terruño-driven single vineyard Albariños we've ever had.