

José Pastor Selections

IMPORTER OF FINE IBERIAN WINES

Growers Alberto Nanclares, Silvia Prieto

Appellation Ribeiro

Locality Ribadavia

Climate Atlantic

Varieties Brancellao, Caiño Longo, Sousón,

Ferrón, Merenzao

Soil Clay-calcareous, granite, schist

Elevation 400 meters

Vine Age 15 years

Pruning Espaldera

Farming Certified organic

Production 114 cases (6pk)

Nanclares y Prieto

Poza Vella 2017



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 terroir 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 Ribeiras do Miño 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.

The **Ribeiro D.O.** is an ancient Galician wine region located 45 miles inland from the Atlantic Ocean, just north of Portugal. Ribeiro had historically produced Spain's most prestigious white wines, but in the early 20th century oidium, phylloxera, and war devastated the region and Ribeiro's wines lost favor. Native vines were torn up, and Palomino was widely planted due to its higher yields. Cooperatives took over most of the production. Ribadavia is the main wine-producing town in the appellation, home to several well-known wineries.

Poza Vella is sourced from a young mixed-planting finca in Ribadavia named *Quinta Costa do Belíño*. After a warm and dry summer, the grapes were hand-harvested starting August 21st, foot-trodden with whole grape clusters, in a very old chestnut cask, fermented on skins for 15 days, pressed into two used 225L French barrels for malolactic and aging on fine lees for 11 months. The finished wine was bottled without clarification or filtration and modest levels of SO₂, and aged another 8 months before release. Poza Vella is a fresh, aromatic, and medium-bodied *vinho tinto* with lush and spicy flavors of red fruits, black pepper, and purple flowers.