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2023 Senda Verde Albariño- Rias Baixas, Spain

Rías Baixas is an Atlantic coastal region with a cool and wet maritime climate. The entire region claims soil based on granite bedrock, but the inlets create five subregions of slightly different growing environments for its prized white grape, Albariño. Bright and aromatic with distinctive floral and fruity characteristics, Albariño has enjoyed a surge in popularity and an increase in plantings over the last couple of decades. Thick skins allow it to withstand the humid conditions of its homeland, Rías Baixas, Spain, free of malady, and produce a weighty but fresh white. Senda Verde is a collection of artisanal wines from unique regions in northern Spain that follow the 43°N parallel, stretching from coastal Galicia eastward along the northern coastline. In contrast to the rest of Spain, this area is lush and green from oceanic and geologic influences. This 100% Albariño is bright and aromatically complex, with notes of ripe apricot, apple and wild flowers. It is fresh and crisp with a persistent lush texture on the palate. The finish is fruity and with mineral nuances.

Pairings: This Albariño's fresh acidity makes it a fine contrast to foods that are rich, salty, oily, fatty, or mildly spicy. The wine is an excellent accompaniment to fish and shellfish. It also pairs nicely with tart foods such as vinaigrettes, capers, leeks, and tomatoes.

2021 Hiruzta Hondarrabi Zuri White- Txakolina, Spain

On the southern edge of the rocky Bay of Biscay in northern Spain, this is Basque country and home to the refreshing and slightly effervescent white wine, Txakoli. Hondarrabi Zuri and Hondarrabi Beltza are the main grape varieties. The name Hiruzta means "a three-person harvest" in Basque, referring to winery owners Asensio Rekalde and his sons Txarli and Angel, whose shared dream of creating a winery in Hondarribia is now a reality. Txakoli production in this village dates back to 1186, however the tradition was lost during a long stretch of sieges and battles that took place there in the early 1600's. The Rekalde family has revitalized Hondarribia's viticultural heritage, with nine vineyard plots that sit in the Jaizkibel foothills that surround the winery. This family winery is located in Txakoli (pronounced cha-ko-lee) a region in Northeastern Spain's Basque country. This wine has intense aromas of white pear and apple citrus and tropical fruits on the nose, enveloped in the perfume of white flowers, all accentuated by the subtle effervescence of natural carbon dioxide gas. Balanced and fresh in the mouth, it has quite a sharp taste with well-integrated acidity. Agreeable on the palate with hints of citrus and tropical fruits in the aftertaste with a long, aromatic finish. 92 PTS JS

Pairings: Appetizers, hors d'oeuvres, mild cheeses, shellfish, and fish. A perfect pairing for seafood dishes, particularly those featuring shellfish or grilled fish.