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Leirana 2023
Forjas del Salnés - 75 cl.



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Rodri Méndez is one of the best producers of Albariño wines in Galicia. Leirana is his entry level wine, but also the perfect illustration of his style: non frills, crisp, and sharp. Rodri mainly works with older vines, and those are put into good use, in this wine as well as in his top range (the Goliardo line).

Vinification
Harvested in small baskets. Aged for 7 months on the lees in stainless steel tanks, 20% of which in old oak barrels. No malolactic fermentation.

Storage potential
Drink as from : 2024
Best moment : 2025-2027
Until : 2029

To serve
Serve chilled.

Trial analysis
Straw colour. Lots of pear, apple and exotic fruit aromas, with a hint of fennel and a lot of minerality. Smooth on the palate, a nice acidity in the finish. Top wine, with a good ageing potential.

Wine style:
Atlantic, fresh and crisp

Assembly
Albariño (100%)

Region:
Galicia

Appellation:
D.O. Rias Baixas

Wine estate:
Forjas del Salnés

Biological

Description domain

This is one of the smallest estates in Rias Baixas, but well known from the connoisseurs. Since 2005, the current generation, with Rodri at the helm, has been making super whites but also great reds with a typical Atlantic and Galician accent. Organic cultivation and vinification, minimal intervention. Definitely not wines for beginners.