

RÍAS BAIXAS BY THE NUMBERS

Denomination of Origin (DO)	Rías Baixas DO was established in 1988
Location	In the region of Galicia in northwestern Spain
Sub-zones (5)	Val do Salnés Condado do Tea O Rosal Soutomaior Ribeira do Ulla
Grapevine acreage (size of DO)	9,138 acres
Soils	In Val do Salnés, O Rosal and Soutomaior the soils are alluvial over granite. In Condado do Tea both granite and slate appear on the surface with lighter granite subsoil. The soils are mainly alluvial in Ribeira do Ulla.
Climate	Maritime–dominated by the Atlantic Ocean, the climate is cool and damp but with abundant sunshine. The coolest and wettest zone is Val do Salnés with an average temperature of 55° F while the warmest and driest is Condado do Tea with an average temperature of 59° F.
Hours of sunshine	More than 2,200 hours of sunshine during the growing season.
Annual Rainfall	45 inches–65 inches per year
Grape Varieties	Mainly white: Albariño (90% of all plantings), Treixadura, Caiño Blanco and Loureiro
Number of Wineries	187 Wineries
Wineries selling in the US	56 wineries (up from 35 in 2005)
Number of grape growers	6,556 grape growers
Average size of vineyard	Less than half an acre

Harvest Size	2007 – 12.72 million liters 2008 – 13.32 million liters 2009 – 16.14 million liters
Exports	2007 – 3.28 million liters 2008 – 3.03 million liters 2009 – 3.06 million liters
Exports to the US	2007 – 1.75 million liters 2008 – 1.58 million liters 2009 – 1.63 million liters
% of exports to the United States	53.5%
Most important export markets	1. United States 2. United Kingdom 3. Germany 4. Puerto Rico 5. Switzerland

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