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Licia, Albariño, Rías Baixas, Spain, 2021 \$15/gls, \$60/btl



Licia is very simply a shortening of Galicia and so is pronounced LEE-thyah. With advanced degrees in both chemistry and enology, winemaker José María Ureta Guzmán knows a bit about how to smartly craft an elegant yet approachable wine. The winery's fruit sourcing from Rías Baixas subzones O Rosal and Condado de Tea (as close to the border of northern Portugal as you can get; see image below) allows the grapes to ripen faster, so they harvest earlier to preserve acidity and freshness.

- **Grape:** 100% albariño
- **Winemaking:** Fermented in stainless steel tanks. Not even aged; it goes straight from tank to bottle and is released for sale.
- **Profile:** Fresh, crisp, zesty, light-bodied (only 12%ABV). Vibrant with green apples, starfruit, orange blossom and citrus zest. Zippy, minerally, lip-smacking finish.

