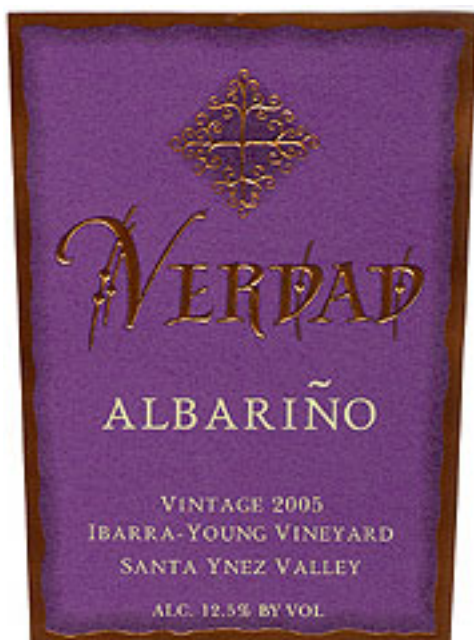




## Wine Recommendations



### Verdad

#### 2005 Albariño, Ibarra-Young Vineyard (Santa Ynez Valley)

Very few plantings of the famed Spanish white wine grape of Galicia, Albarino, exist in California. Verdad was among the first to recognize the potential and nurture a small planting in the Santa Ynez Valley, in a vineyard that was producing excellent Marsanne. According to proprietor Louisa Sawyer Lindquist (married to Rhone Ranger Bob Lindquist of Qupé Wine Cellars), the gamble was not in the winemaking end, but in the grape growing end; whether the Albarino clonal material and organic growing techniques could produce both a qualitative and quantitative crop at the Ibarra-Young Vineyard.

Sawyer Lindquist was confident about the winemaking aspects. She

### The Wine...

**Winery:** Verdad  
**Vineyard:** Ibarra-Young Vineyard  
**Vintage:** 2005  
**Wine:** Albariño  
**Appellation:** Santa Ynez Valley  
**Grape:** Albarino  
**Price:** \$18.00

Review Date: 8/16/2006

### The Reviewer...



#### Dennis Schaefer

Dennis Schaefer has been tasting and writing about wine for over 30 years, propelled by a continuing curiosity and burgeoning enthusiasm for discovering what's in the bottle. Blessed with catholic tastes, he enjoys everything from

had visited Spain many times, talked to the top Albarino producers in Rias Baixas about production techniques, and had even worked a harvest there.

The 2005 version is the third Albarino vintage for Verdad and perhaps the best yet. Echoing its Galician counterparts, the aromatics are fresh with florals and minerals but also lime and orange blossom. Soft in the mouth at first, it builds its flavor impact with Asian pear, green melon, quince, citrus, all in one tasty package. Some mid palate texture is provided by twenty-five percent neutral barrel fermentation and a nice sweep of saline minerality and racy acidity hits on the finish. A lovely choice for an aperitif, but it really begs for grilled bacon wrapped scallops or a mixed seafood salad.

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the obvious to the sublime. A major requirement is that the vineyard, winery and winemaker consistently perform well and fulfill their potential. Balance, concentration and complexity are key to the tasting experience but, in the end, the purpose of wine is simply to give pleasure.