

Esencia Divina 2007



Winery: Adegas Gran Vinum

Region: Rias Baixas D.O.

Grapes: 100% Albariño

Winery: Adegas Gran Vinum is a family winery owned by Enrique Pineiro. In 1998 the Val do Salnes subregion was added to D.O. Rias Baixas spurring a renewed focus on quality wines. Adegas Gran Vinum reacted by adding new vineyard plots on steep, sandy, south-facing slopes, near the ocean which minimized temperature swings and extended maturation times giving more spice, saline and fruity varietal character to the wines. Soils in the vineyards are enriched in the traditional manner by digging in shells of local mollusks.

Albariño is the local grape and is known for its ability to ripen in this cool corner of Spain. In addition, it maintains its natural acidity well leading to fresh, balanced wines. Adegas Gran Vinum

uses different rootstocks on free-draining slopes as opposed to slightly more fertile plots to assure even ripening.

Wine: The grapes for this wine come from three different estate vineyards and from contracted fruit grown in the Val do Salnes sub-region of Rias Baixas. Cool maceration with skins overnight at low temperature and then only moderate pressure is used to obtain the more aromatic portion of the must. Fermented in stainless steel vats with temperature control. Bottled in March 2008.

Reviews:

“Greenish straw. Vibrant citrus, mineral and floral scents are complicated by subtle herbaceousness. Sappy, deeply concentrated lemon and pear flavors are firm by juicy acidity and given a firm edge by dusty minerals. Gains flesh and weight on the long, energetic finish, which repeats the mineral qualities.”

92 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 140 Sept/Oct '08

“A lovely nose with scents of baked apple, pear, and peach. The palate is in agreement with the nose offering crisp and spry fruit flavors accompanied by a generous minerality, traces of earth and bright acidity. Balanced, complex and wonderfully alive. Versatile and complex enough to offer interest to most any dish.”

4 Stars (Exceptional) *BevX* October 8 '08



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