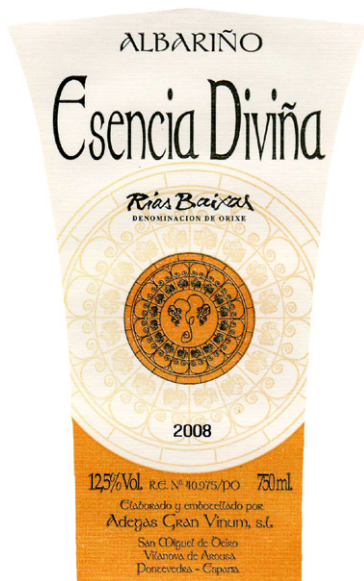


Esencia Divina 2008



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:

“Bright straw. Highly perfumed bouquet of tangerine, white flowers, brown spices and talc. Vibrant and precise, offering tangy citrus and floral flavors and slow-mounting mineral character. Finishes with very good clarity and mineral cut, repeating the floral and spicy qualities.”

90 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 145 July/Aug '09

“An exemplary rendition of Albariño, Spain’s premier white grape variety, this shows lots of rich, softly ripe peach fruit. However, the initial impression of ripeness almost immediately gives way to a more interesting profile as the wine shows its structural spine of driving acidity, as well as a faint effervescence from unresolved carbon dioxide that provides additional lift and textural definition.”

92 points *Wine Review Online* August 4, '09 - Michael Franz



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