

Esencia Divina 2009



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. Grapes were hand harvested and saw cool maceration (16-18° C) as whole clusters for between four and six hours. The grapes were then pressed in pneumatic press at only moderate pressure to obtain the most aromatic portion of the must. Fermented in stainless steel tanks followed by extended aging on lees prior to bottling.

Reviews:

“Pale yellow. Intriguing high-pitched aromas of white peach, green tea, pear, lemon pith and minerals. Dense and powerful, but the citrus and nectarine flavors are kept fresh by zesty acidity and a mineral element. This vibrant, stony wine finishes with a whiplash of tangy citrus notes.”

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