

# Esencia Divina 2015



**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, averaging 40 years old, grown on the granitic sand of the Val do Salnes sub-region of Rias Baixas. Grapes were hand harvested and saw cool maceration (16-18 degrees C) as whole clusters overnight. 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:** “Intense, citrus fruit nose with white peach and grass tones. Rich and suave palate, attractively poised with medium length and zingy acidity. Racy in style with a good, solid structure.” **91 points** *Decanter Magazine June 2016*

“Mineral and citrus aromas are on the money. Peach and citrus flavors are clean and snappy on the palate, finishing with fresh acidity and a reprise of lime and mineral notes.” **91 points** *Wine Enthusiast November 2016*



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