

Mar de Vinas 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: This wine is produced from estate grown vines. After cluster sorting the grapes are whole cluster pressed in a pneumatic press, followed by settling of the must with dry ice. The wine was fermented at 64° F in stainless steel tank. No malolactic fermentation. Aged 1 month on fine lees for increased texture and mouthfeel.

Reviews:

“Light yellow. Pungent aromas of orange skin, anise, salty minerals and jasmine. Sappy, finely etched orchard fruit and citrus flavors are braced by a chalky mineral quality and given depth by a subtle note of succulent herbs. A touch dry on the finish, with the salty note echoing.”

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