

Mar de Vinas 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: This wine is produced from estate grown vines. All fruit is hand harvested followed by cluster sorting at the winery before pressing. 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 for 1 month on fine lees for increased texture and mouthfeel.

Reviews:

“The 2009 Mar de Vinas Albarino is medium straw-colored with a reticent nose of mineral, lemon zest, and floral notes. Smooth-textured in an elegant style, the wine has good balance and medium length. These Albarinos should be consumed over the next 2-3 years.”

87 points *Wine Advocate* issue 188 April 2010

“Bright yellow-gold. Spicy, mineral-accented aromas of lemon peel, orange and green apple. The mineral quality gives a salty impression to the zesty citrus flavors, which show good clarity and intensity. The dry finish echoes with chalky minerality.”

88 points *International Wine Cellar* issue 152 Sept/Oct 2010



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