

# Mar de Vinas 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:** 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 almost 2 months on fine lees for increased texture and mouthfeel.

**Reviews:** “Aromas of white flowers, stone fruits and lees are typical of well-made Albariño. A juicy, elegant palate with a mix of citrus and stone-fruit flavors is lasting, with a hint of pithy character coming up on the finish.”

**90 points** *Wine Enthusiast, August 2016*

“Notes of stones and spices fill this complex and deliciously refreshing albariño. The wine is built on tense acidity that firms the texture and drives the mineral notes through the end.”

**89 points** *Wine & Spirits, August 2016*



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