

Esencia Divina Albariño 2019 (White Wine)



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.

Appellation	D.O. Rias Baixas
Grapes	100% Albariño; vines average 40 years-old
Altitude / Soil	25 meters / sandy loam, with mollusk shells over granite bedrock
Farming Methods	Traditional methods
Harvest	Hand harvested
Production	Whole clusters held overnight prior to pressing in horizontal, pneumatic press, fermented in stainless steel tanks
Aging	Aged for an extended period on lees in tank prior to bottling
UPC/SCC/pack	183277000024 / 10183277000021 /12

Reviews: “This producer’s entry-level bottling of Albariño, “Mar de Viñas,” is so good that it prompts the question: How could this fruit have failed to make the cut for the top wine of the house? If you taste “Mar de Viñas,” you’ll understand immediately why that’s a compelling question, and if you taste this right afterward, you’ll get a compelling answer. Broader, richer, deeper and even more persistent, but with excellent focus despite its relative opulence, this is flat-out great Albariño. It displays subtle but expressive aromas that become ever more detailed as the wine warms in the glass, and the palate performance is every bit as impressive, with perfectly ripened fruit and excellent acidity and minerality that’s impeccably interlaced with the fruit. A completely convincing rendition of Albariño, which is arguably the world’s best and most versatile vinous partner for seafood.” **94 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz – July 21, 2020

“The nose screams salty terroir as loads of melon, saline drenched peaches and shades of Marcona almond all enter the fray aromatically. The palate has sterling tension and gobs of mouth-watering acidity that really meld nicely with the gooseberry, kiwi and salted melon tones. Drink 2020-2024.” **91 points Washington Wine Blog;** Dr. Owen J. Bargreen, CS - July 2020

“The 2019 “Esencia Divina” from Adegas Gran Vinum had also just landed in the US prior to the release of this article, so it was quite enjoyable to compare it to the 2018, which I covered in the last issue. Like the 2019 Nessa bottling, this is still a young and exuberant example of Albariño, but with plenty of undertow of complexity to come with a few more months in bottle. The bouquet is floral and beautifully ripe and precise, jumping from the glass in a mix of pear, lime, a touch of wild fennel, a good base of soil and a potpourri of white flowers in the upper register. On the palate the wine is full-bodied, crisp and focused, with an excellent core, good backend mineral drive, snappy acids and impressive length and grip on the nascently complex finish. Tasting this right on the heels of the very good 2019 Nessa just further underscores how the texture here under natural cork is superior to screwcap, as there is more roundness, while not sacrificing any of the cut and grip. This is lovely Albariño and an outstanding value! 2020-2030+.” **91 points View from the Cellar;** Issue #86 - March/April 2020

“Tangy and bright, this wine needs a splash in a decanter to meld its chalky acidity and rich lemon flavors. Its initial spritziness diminishes as the structure integrates, delivering a powerful citrusy white with spicy lees notes that last. Ready for any roast fish.” **90 points / Year’s Best Wine & Spirits Magazine;** Year’s Best Galician Wines – August 2020

