

Gran Vinum Albariño Selección Especial 2021 (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. 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.

Appellation	Rias Baixas D.O.
Grapes	100% Albariño, from the 50-year-old Miranda Aurosa, estate-grown vineyard
Altitude / Soil	10 meters / decomposed granitic sandy loam
Farming Methods	Traditional methods
Harvest	Hand harvested in mid-late September; fruit was then hand sorted at the winery prior to processing
Production	Gently pressed to obtain only the most aromatic, free run juice; fermented in stainless steel tanks at low temperature
Aging	Aged on lees with weekly battonage in stainless steel tank for 5 months
UPC / SCC / Pack	183277000017 / 28437005610013 / 6

Reviews:

“The Albariño “Selección Especial” from Adegas Gran Vinum is from the estate’s Miranda Aurosa vineyard, with the vines now fully fifty years of age. The wine is fermented and aged in stainless steel tank and is given four months of extended aging on its fine lees. The 2021 vintage offers up a beautiful bouquet of fresh lime, green apple, salty minerality, lemongrass, a hint of smokiness and a lovely array of floral tones in the upper register. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied, crisp and complex, with a lovely core, fine mineral undertow and grip, impressive focus and a long, perfectly balanced finish. This is very serious Albariño! 2022-2035+.”

93+ points View from the Cellar - John Gilman Issue #98 March/April 2022

“The 2021 vintage was a tough one in Rías Baixas according to several sources, and I tasted more than a few washed out examples earlier this year that seem to confirm these reports. To date, this is the best 2021 example I’ve tasted, and though it is a click or two below the quality level at which this wine usually shows, it is quite a success when considered in context. The bouquet shows light, pleasant floral notes and primary fruit aromas recalling stone fruits — especially fresh, ripe apricots and nectarines. The balancing acidity is perfectly adequate, and the freshness factor is aided by a higher degree of unresolved carbon dioxide than I’m accustomed to in this wine, actually seeming a bit pétillant or frizzante when first opened — though the wine settles down in short order. Beyond being a very good showing for the vintage, this is a very good wine, full stop.”

92 points Wine Review Online - Michael Franz Aug 16, 2022

