

Esencia Diviña Albariño 2022 (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	Rias Baixas D.O.
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 Size	183277000024 / 10183277000021 / 12

Reviews:

"It takes something like real...um, self-confidence to name your winery "Gran Vinum" and then release — as your 2nd tier wine — a bottling called "Esencia Divina." This is not a criticism, nor is it an accusation of arrogance, for the simple reason that these wines deliver on their names, which is no small feat (and they do it in less-than-stellar vintages, too). This is not quite up to the "Grand Vin" of Gran Vinum's "Selección Especial" in terms of physical weight, nor is it quite as classy, as it shows more tropical notes and overall flamboyance, whereas the Selección Especial shows the weight and restraint of, well, a great Sumo champion. Still, this is more in line with regular consumer expectations even though the wine is way, way better than the norm, and at a price lower by \$10, it will be the better choice for many buyers, if not the better wine by overall critical standards. Still conspicuously rich, with lightly floral aromas followed by impactful flavors of ripe peaches, mangoes and baked apples, this is very substantial and satisfying, but still pure in flavor and finish, with enough acidity to invite sip after sip. Excellent, period."

93 points Wine Review Online; Michael Franz – October 17, 2023.

"2022 Esencia Divina Albarino- A truly great wine out of the Gran Vinum collection, the 2022 Esencia Divina Albarino was sourced from vines roughly 50 years of age. Stored on the lees in stainless tanks before bottling, this has wonderful saline drenched melon and citrus fruit tones on the palate, displaying serious tension and flavor density. Finishing very long, this is quite simply and incredible wine that will drink well for another eight years to come. Drink 2023-2031"

93 points OwenBargreen.com; Owen Bargreen - October, 2023

"The 2022 "Esencia Divina" from Adega Gran Vinum is a lovely bottle of Albariño. The bouquet is bright and precise, hopping from the glass in a complex mix of fresh lime, green apple, salty minerality, a gentle touch of leesy tones, orange peel and a floral topnote redolent of citrus blossoms. On the palate the wine is vibrant, full-bodied, focused and complex, with fine depth at the core, lovely mineral undertow, zesty acids and a long, beautifully balanced finish. Though this is one of the entry level bottles from Gran Vinum, it is made from vines that are fifty years of age and the old vine depth is very much evident in this fine 2022 version! 2023-2033."

92 points View from the Cellar; John Gilman - Issue #105 May/June 2023.

