

# Gran Vinum Albariño Selección Especial 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. 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.

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

**Reviews:** *This vintage has not yet been scored. Reviews for 2018 vintage below:*

“A 100% Albariño that’s rich and complex, offering fresh garden herbs, pineapple, and tropical fruit. Lovely purity and focus with a creamy mouth feel. Elegant with purity of fruit on the palate that evokes lemon tart. Purity extends to the finish with lemony acidity. Delicious and beautifully focused.”

**92 points** *International Wine Review*; "Spanish Wines of Value and Quality" - June 20, 2019

“The 2018 “Selección Especial” from Adegas Gran Vinum is an outstanding young Albariño, offering up superb depth and complexity right out of the blocks, but also with the structure to age very nicely for at least the next decade. The bouquet wafts from the glass in a fine blend of lemon, tart pear, dried flowers, lovely minerality and a topnote of sea salts. On the palate the wine is deep, full-bodied and beautifully light on its feet, with a good core, fine focus and grip, bright acids and very good length and grip on the complex finish. A very lovely bottle of Albariño. 2020-2030.”

**92 points** *View from the Cellar*; Issue # 85 - January/February 2020

“This white is rich and firm, with structure and depth. Pear, melon, ginger, tarragon and mineral notes are fresh and focused. Should age nicely. Drink now through 2026. 750 cases made, 420 cases imported. — TM” **91 points** *Wine Spectator*; October 2019

