

# Gran Vinum Albariño Selección Especial 2020 (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 is the best rendition of Albariño I've tasted this year, and though it carries a premium price, it is worth every penny, and surpasses in quality several wines that are my annual benchmarks (such as Pazo de Señorans, Fillaboia and Granbazan). In relation to those outstanding Albariños, this is physically denser and more concentrated, but without sacrificing any freshness, maintaining virtually perfect fruit-to-acidity balance through a long, symmetrical, mineral-tinged finish. The aromas show the lightest touch of floral scents without seeming perfumed, and the flavors are impressively deep but still precise, with no indication at all that the wine's sheer size was achieved by pushing ripeness past an optimal point before harvesting. This excellent producer turns out three less expensive wines (Mar de Viñas and Nessa, both with list prices of \$18 and Esencia Diviña at \$24), all of which are excellent. Yet this wine, sourced from a single, estate vineyard, is stunning stuff that will very likely alter your sense of how good Albariño can be, and offer a reference point against which to judge everything else from this appellation. On top of all that, I'd bet it will become even better with a few more years in bottle...I just don't know how much better for how many years. But there's no doubt that this is a superb wine in its own right while also being a clear category leader."

**94 points Wine Review Online;** Michael Franz – August 10, 2021

"Pale yellow. Vibrant citrus and orchard fruit aromas are complemented by suggestions of jasmine and smoky minerals. Palate-staining Meyer lemon, pear nectar, honeysuckle and spicy ginger flavors are underscored by a repeating mineral nuance that builds as the wine opens up. Shows impressive depth but comes off lithe, finishing with strong, floral persistence and fine detail... 2022 – 2027."

**93 points Vinous;** Josh Reynolds – June 17, 2021 *Atlantic Spain: It's Always About the Weather...*

"The 2020 Albariño "Selección Especial"... is an excellent bottle. The bouquet delivers a classic combination of green apple, lemon, salty minerality, gentle leesiness and a topnote of white flowers. On the palate the wine is bright, full-bodied and focused, with a good core of ripe fruit, lovely mineral drive and backend lift, zesty acids and a long, nascently complex and beautifully balanced finish. This has just been released and Gran Vinum makes some of the most age-worthy Albariño, so this will be even better with a bit of cellaring. But, it is already a very good drink! 2021-2035."

**92 points View from the Cellar;** John Gilman - Issue #92 March/April 2021

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