

Gran Vinum Albariño Selección Especial 2024 (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.

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| 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 Size | 183277000017 / 28437005610013 / 6 |

Reviews:

“This wine is among the very best renditions of Albariño from Rías Baixas in almost every vintage, and 2024 is no exception. It is certainly a standout in terms of physical density, but the real key to its success is not its “size” but rather how driving and persistent its flavors prove to be. Purity of fruit is another key, and the notes of orchard fruits with citrus edging are utterly delicious. But again, the wine’s linear energy is truly remarkable by comparison to the many good—but merely good—wines made every year in Rías Baixas. That’s not intended as a knock on the region’s wines (it is borderline amazing that an area with such high rainfall makes such consistently tasty wines) so much as an indication that this is truly something special. The spectacular finish was easy to sense when tasting it on its own, but when re-tasting it along with spicy fried rice, the aftertaste of the wine outlasted the lingering flavors of the food. Trust me—I’ve got the score right on this, even though many reviewers seem to subconsciously impose a “ceiling” on the scores they’ll accord to Albariño, just as one very rarely sees a score of 95 for Sauvignon Blancs from anywhere. This is state-of-the-art juice”.

95 Wine Review Online-Michael Franz- May 7, 2025

