ASTRID



Albariño

Rías Baixas DO, Val do Salnés, Spain

GRAPE VARIETIES

100% Albariño

VINIFICATION

Adegas Gran Vinum is situated in the Val do Salnés subregion, the original and oldest subzone of Albariño. The winery and its vineyards are located on a picturesque peninsula that juts out from Spain's Atlantic coast, bordered by the Umia River to the north, and the Ría de Arosa estuary to the south. This is the most distinctive location within the subzone as it essentially starts here and flows inland to the west and up the coast of the Umia. With water on all sides, the vineyards benefit from maritime breezes that lower temperatures in the summer and raise them in the winter. These are relatively damp conditions for viticulture, and to keep mold away, the vines are trained on permanent granite pergolas. These keep the vines high off the ground, maximize air circulation, and promote sun exposure. The vineyards are fertilized traditionally with clam and cockle shells. Vines average over 25 years old and are pruned and cared for on a regular basis. Grapes are hand harvested into small boxes and carefully sorted. A soft pressing takes place before filtering for 24 to 36 hours, followed by cold fermentation at 46°F to retain fresh fruit flavors.

ESTATE

Adegas Gran Vinum was founded in 2002 by the Piñeiro Cores family, who have been grape farmers in Rías Baixas (*pronounced ree-ahs Bl-shus*) for generations. The family owns and farms eight acres of vines and works with 30 small growers. The head winemaker is Enrique Piñeiro. He and his daughter Andrea manage the family's vineyards and produce the wines.

TASTING NOTE

Aromatic tropical notes of passion fruit and pineapple mingle with gentle hints of orange blossom and jasmine. Medium bodied and dry, look for fresh apple, nectarine and citrus flavors, tantalizing mineral highlights and zesty acidity to round out the palate.

FOOD PAIRING

Pair with light chicken dishes, herby salads, all manner of shellfish, fresh and grilled fish, seafood risotto and fish tacos!