

Alvarinho Soalheiro 2017



Soalheiro Alvarinho 2017: an intense, elegant wine with volume. Having started at the end of August, the harvest of this vintage was the earliest ever carried out by Soalheiro, but it has shown an excellent balance between the fruitiness and acidity of the Alvarinho variety, grown in the unique terroir of Monção and Melgaço. The rainfall in the summer months, especially in July and August, was very low, and daytime temperatures were moderate to high. However, it was the characteristic cold nights of this terroir that favoured slow ripening, and the preservation of the aromas. At the end of August, the ideal point of ripening was reached. With a dry start to September, at moderate temperatures, the end of the harvest proved to be extraordinary.

HOT DAYS AND COLD NIGHTS ALLOW THE AROMAS TO STAY FRESH AND FRUITY WITH PRESENT, BUT MODERATE ACIDITY.

Melgaço, the most northern region of Portugal, is protected by the surrounding mountains that allow a perfect marriage between rainfall, temperature and the number of hours of sunshine needed for the better maturation of the Alvarinho grapes. This climate characteristic during ripening is frequently associated with the microclimate of Monção and Melgaço, where hot days alternate with cold nights, allowing for the maintenance of a fresh and fruity aromas with an acidity that is present but moderate, just the way we like it for the Soalheiro.

Producer
Soalheiro

Region
Melgaço, Monção

Vinification

the grapes are harvested manually in boxes of small capacity and carried to the cellar in a short space of time. After the pressing and the before fermentation with controlled temperature, the must was decanted during 48 hours at low temperature. The objective of vinification is to obtain an Alvarinho Soalheiro that concentrates the quality of the grapes and that allows to a good evolution the bottle.

Grape Varieties
Alvarinho

Alcohol (%)
12.5

pH
3.41

Total Acidity (g/dm³)
5.4

Volatile Acidity (g/dm³)
0.32

Residual Sugar
Dry

{ The values are approximate }

Tasting Notes

Citrus colour, aroma reveals a classic Alvarinho Soalheiro, intense and tropical with mineral notes.

Food Suggestions

Ideal as an aperitif or to accompany seafood dishes, fish or poultry dishes.