

# Alvarinho Soalheiro 9% Dócil 2013



The Alvarinho grapes used in the Soalheiro came from several small vineyards planted in granite soil between 100 and 200 meters and located in a very particular microclimate. Melgaço region, the northern point of Portugal, is protected by a range of mountains that create the perfect conditions of rainfall, temperature and number of hours of sunshine needed to the better ripeness of the Alvarinho grapes.

Soalheiro 2013 – A special harvest – the purity of Alvarinho fruit with a perfect balance between the minerality and the passionate elegant flavor. After a winter with more rain than usual we have low temperatures during the beginning of the growing season that induces a later harvest. The weather condition in July and August, very dry and hot but with cold nights, induce a very good quality harvest with a slow ripening that maintains the alcohol in moderate levels because of the water stress in the soil, but balance the acidity due to the daily temperatures. The beginning of September also hot and dry allowed anticipating the harvest, escaping the rain that occurred in the end of the month and early October.

Producer  
Soalheiro

Region  
Melgaço, Monção

## Vinification

The Alvarinho grapes (with freshness and without over maturation) were harvested in boxes of small capacity and transported to the cellar in a short time. The must obtained by pressing of whole grapes was decanted and fermented at low temperature. Fermentation took place in stainless steel to achieve a precise balance of sweetness and acidity that define the final alcohol of this Soalheiro – 9%.

Grape Varieties  
Alvarinho

Alcohol (%)  
9

pH  
3.25

Total Acidity (g/dm<sup>3</sup>)  
7

Volatile Acidity (g/dm<sup>3</sup>)  
0.4

Residual Sugar  
48

{ the values are orientative }

## Tasting Notes

Citrus colour, aroma with citrus and tropical aromas with an unusual balance between the acidity, the sweetness and the low 9% alcohol concentration.

## Food Suggestions

Ideal as an aperitif or alternatively may appear during the conversation at the end of a meal.