

Alvarinho Soalheiro 9% Dócil 2017



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 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.

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
3.32

Total Acidity (g/dm³)
6.8

Volatile Acidity (g/dm³)
0.2

{ The values are approximate }

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.