

Alvarinho Soalheiro Reserva 2013



The grapes are harvested by hand from selected grapes in our vines at Quinta de Soalheiro that we manage in an organic concept to protect the viticultural ecosystem, improve the biodiversity and the environment sustainability. The microclimate that influences the production of Alvarinho grapes is very particular. 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. The brand name – Soalheiro – arises from the excellent sun exposure of the vineyards bearing the same name – a sunny place.

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 than the one in 2012. 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 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. The fermentation and aging take place in French oak (new and used), and remained in “batonnage” with fine lees until the end of Jun 2014.

Grape Varieties
Alvarinho

Alcohol (%)
13

pH
3.45

Total Acidity (g/dm³)
5.6

Volatile Acidity (g/dm³)
0.35

{ The values are approximate }

Tasting Notes

Citrus colour, elegant and full flavour with oak notes, maintaining the freshness and fruit of Alvarinho grape. The flavour is full bodied and complex.

Food Suggestions

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