

# Alvarinho Soalheiro Reserva 2014



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.

2014 is a classic with a precise profile, aromatic sobriety and great elegance of taste, with a perfect balance between the minerality and the passionate flavor. The climatic conditions of 2014 allowed a very elegant aroma, mineral and tropical, with a good balance of taste, fresh and intense, anticipating a good ability to evolution in the bottle.

The moderate temperatures during maturation (July and August) favored the aromatic concentration and moderate alcohol levels associated with a well-balanced acidity in the grapes. As usual we harvest soon in September to maintain freshness in the Alvarinho grapes and this strategy has been very important in this particular vintage, because of the rain that occurred in the end of the month and October. 2014 – A classic and elegant vintage.

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  
3.38

Total Acidity (g/dm<sup>3</sup>)  
6.5

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

{ 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.*