

PORTUGUESE *Standard*



EST: 1982

Soalheiro

QUINTA DE SOALHEIRO

PRIMEIRA MARCA DE ALVARINHO DE MELGAÇO
FIRST BRAND OF ALVARINHO IN MELGAÇO

Quinta de Soalheiro is a leading wine estate nestled in Portugal's verdant north, whose story and output is inseparable from the climb to international renown of the Alvarinho variety and the wines from Vinho Verde's Monção e Melgaço subregion.

Soalheiro was founded in 1974 when João António Cerdeira and his family took the bold decision to plant a single, sun-soaked parcel of farmland entirely to Alvarinho. At the time, this decision was in stark contrast to the traditional practice of Portuguese farmers, which relegated grape vines to be planted at the periphery of cereal crops. The family's first bottling in 1982 was the first brand of Alvarinho in the Melgaço region.

Today, third-generation siblings Maria João and António Luís, along with their mother Maria Palmira Cerdeira, continue to test limits and break new ground in pursuit of the finest expressions of their territory by way of the noble Alvarinho grape.

RECENT ACCOLADES

92^{pts}

WINE ADVOCATE

ALVARINHO CLASSICO 2019

100% Alvarinho. The first wine produced by the Soalheiro family and the most classic offering. Aromatic, bright, and fresh.



91^{pts}

WINE ADVOCATE

GRANIT 2020

100% Alvarinho. The most mineral-driven wine from Soalheiro. Persistent, nuanced, and elegant



TAUB FAMILY SELECTIONS



SOALHEIRO CLÁSSICO ALVARINHO

2020 HARVEST DEBUTS NEW SUSTAINABLE BOTTLE

Soalheiro has invested in a customized bottle with an eco-efficient design, enabling a 19% reduction in CO2 emissions in its manufacturing. By partnering with a local producer, CO2 emissions in transport were reduced 8.5 times. Until the end of 2021 this bottle will be used in 90% of the winery's production, ensuring a saving of 56 tons of glass per year.



A HOLISTIC SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY

Commitment to the Territory, written with a capital 'T' to recognize not only the landscape, but also the people working on it and the biodiversity that inhabits it, has been a part of Soalheiro from the beginning. The sustainability strategy is about much more than an answer to the obvious climatic emergency. It is part of Soalheiro's nature, as producers that have always lived from the earth, to protect the Territory as well as all of its people, culture, and landscape.



A FAMILY OF FAMILIES

Quinta de Soalheiro started as a small family business and has come to represent an international benchmark for Alvarinho and the Vinho Verde region. Pictured here is Maria Palmira, co-founder, with her son António Luís and daughter Maria João, winemaker and viticulture manager, respectively. Today, the team has more than 30 people as well as a club with more than 150 families of grape growers. The majority of Soalheiro's Club of Producers has another professional occupation, working their small parcels at the end of the day and on weekends like personal gardens.



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