

Soalheiro

ALVARINHO SOALHEIRO GRANIT 2021

Rightfully bearing the name *Granit*, this wine is all about minerality. It offers less fruit and more acidity, revealing an unusual dimension of Alvarinho from the mountain. Its elegance and crisp texture make *Soalheiro Granit* a very gastronomic wine.

Region

Monção and Melgaço, Vinho Verde DOC

Alcohol (%)

12.5

Total Acidity (g/dm³)

7.1

Residual Sugar

Dry

Grape Varieties

Alvarinho

pH

3.19

Volatile Acidity (g/dm³)

0.47



FOOD SUGGESTIONS

With its mineral flavours and bracing acidity, *Soalheiro Granit* especially complements Mediterranean cuisine such as seafood, grilled fish, or oven-baked fatty fish. It also pairs well with white and smoked meats, mature cheeses, or delicate Asian dishes such as sushi or dumplings.

TASTING NOTES

Granit has a bright, lemon-yellow colour, exhibiting elegant aromas with more mineral notes. The taste is crisp, dry, and persistent, with more earthy and stony flavours. There is a sensation of saltiness on the palate, reflecting the impact of the granite soils on Alvarinho.

TERROIR

Granit is made from Alvarinho grapes from a specific selection of small vineyards planted in granitic soil. Today, these vineyards lie at around 400 meters in altitude in the sub-region of Monção and Melgaço. As the vineyard placement increases in altitude, the fruity characteristics of Alvarinho give way to more acidity and mineral notes. The parcels are chosen due to the minerality and less fertile qualities of the soil, causing the roots of the Alvarinho grapevines to root deep in the mountain slopes to find nutrients.

VINIFICATION

The grapes from these high-altitude vineyards are harvested by hand. After pressing, and before fermentation, the must is clarified. Fermentation takes place in stainless steel vats at a higher temperature than is usual for white wine (22°C). This ensures that Alvarinho's naturally fruity character does not outshine the delicate minerality that we look for in this wine. *Bâtonnage* and ageing on the fine lees improve the structure of the wine before its bottling.