

SOALHEIRO ESPUMANTE BRUTO ALVARINHO



Soalheiro Espumante Bruto was the first sparkling wine we produced in 1995. At that time, we were the first producer to make a 100% Alvarinho sparkling wine. Now this trend has spread to other parts of Vinho Verde and even Rias Baixas. Our *Espumante Bruto* follows the classic method of production, undergoing a secondary fermentation in the bottle. With this wine we aim to reveal the purity and aroma of Alvarinho. *Espumante Bruto* is fresh, highlighting the varietal's elegance and complexity.

TERROIR

The Alvarinho grapes for this wine come from several small vineyards planted in granite soil, at high altitudes. This altitude maintains the freshness and aromatics we look for in our *Espumante Bruto*. Monção and Melgaço region, the most northern point of Portugal, is protected by a range of mountains that create a microclimate with the perfect harmony between rainfall, temperature, and number of hours of sunshine. These conditions allow for the best ripening of Alvarinho.

VINIFICATION

The creation of a sparkling from the Alvarinho variety first requires a careful selection of grapes with the right level of acidity. The grapes are pressed, and the resulting must ferments under controlled temperature, yielding the base wine. Following the traditional method of sparkling wine production, the wine undergoes a second fermentation in the bottle. In the cellar, the wine ages in constant low temperature for several months, developing a sparkling wine that showcases all the elegance of Alvarinho. Following the second fermentation we proceed to the disgorging, where we eliminate the yeast in the bottle and replace the provisional metal stopper for a traditional sparkling cork.

TASTING NOTES

This wine has a lemon yellow colour with fine and persistent bubbles. The aromas are characteristically Alvarinho - fruity and fresh. On the palate there are notes of minerality, with nice complexity and a lasting finish. The mouthfeel shows a delicate balance between acidity and alcohol.

FOOD SUGGESTIONS

Our *Espumante Bruto* is very versatile, pairing with a wide range of cuisines. It can stand on its own as an aperitif but also pairs well with roasted meats, fried foods, shellfish (especially oysters), or aged, salty cheeses. This wine is also an excellent match for Lamprey, a local delicacy of Minho.

REGION IG Minho

GRAPE VARIETIES Alvarinho

ALCOHOL 12% vol.

TOTAL ACIDITY (g/dm³) 7.2

RESIDUAL SUGAR Brut

pH 3.17

VOLATILE ACIDITY (g/dm³) 0.32