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ALVARINHO

95 | Quinta do Soalheiro \$28
2018 Monção e Melgaço Granit Mineral Selection Alvarinho Luis Cerdeira selects the fruit for this wine from vines growing above 1,300 feet in altitude, where the soil is poor in nutrients and the vines sustain high acidity in their grapes. He allows the fermentation to run warmer than in his other alvarinhos, pointing up the granitic minerality in the grapes as it ages on the fine lees. It's a bright wine with a smoky, dark mineral structure that keeps it brisk, the flavors and scents layering cider apple, lavender and green almond. "A sea urchin wine," said *W&S* Tastings Editor Rachel DelRocco Terrazas. *Wine In-Motion USA, Newark, NJ*

92 | Quinta do Soalheiro \$20
2018 Monção e Melgaço Alvarinho This is a fragrant alvarinho with scents of spiced pear and chamomile. Its pale and juicy flavors of nectarine and salted grapefruit are tight and clean, suited to several years of development in the bottle, or to decanting now with crab. *Wine In-Motion USA, Newark, NJ*

92 | Quinta do Soalheiro \$22
2018 Minho Mineral Rosé This is the second vintage of this rosé from Soalheiro, a new wine Luis Cerdeira makes by blending alvarinho with 30 percent pinot noir. It's pale pink, with a lot of spitz, but once the CO₂ dissipates, the wine is all fresh strawberries, deeper notes of sour cherries and red-apple skin, resolving to the creamy pear-like flavor of alvarinho in the end. It's bright, delicious and heady, set for pork rillettes. *Wine In-Motion USA, Newark, NJ* ■