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A taste of what's new from the Decante Vinhos 2019 catalogue launch event at Vila Vita Parc

The annual event to mark the launch of Decante Vinhos' new catalogue took place on Sunday and Monday this week, as always in the grand ballroom at Vila Vita Parc in Porches. This is, without a doubt, the most hotly-anticipated wine tasting event of the year for catering professionals and those otherwise connected to the world of wine in the Algarve.

This year I was short of time and did not taste anything like the 140-odd wines I tasted there last year over the two days. All I could manage was a quick visit on Sunday afternoon, starting with a quick walk around the room to see what was new from the Portuguese producers, giving the international wines a miss this time.

Every year at this event, Soalheiro, one of the biggest names in Alvarinho from the Vinho Verde region in the far north of Portugal, have at least one new launch up their sleeves, and this year was no different. I sampled their new bone-dry Brut Nature sparkling wine and another interesting sparkler made from oak-aged Alvarinho, both very good.

And I also tried a couple of their herb infusions, from a new line of nine different dried herbs grown on the estate, including the bright red "Strawberry Fields Globe Amaranth", apparently a natural anti-inflammatory.



Soalheiro never fails to impress



Herb infusions from the Soalheiro estate