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Quinta de Soalheiro, located in Melgaço (the most northern point of Portugal), is protected by a range of mountains that create conditions of rainfall, temperature and sunshine hours necessary for the best ripening of the Alvarinho grapes. This very special microclimate led João Antonio Cerdeira to plant the first Alvarinho vine in 1974 and to create, in 1982, the first Alvarinho brand in Melgaço – “Soalheiro”. The Alvarinho grapes used in the Soalheiro came from several small vineyards planted in granite soil between 100 and 200 meters and located in a very particular microclimate in Melgaço.

Melgaço region, the northern point of Portugal, is protected by a range of mountains that create the perfect conditions of rainfall, temperature and number of hours of sunshine needed to the better ripeness of the Alvarinho grapes. The brand name – Soalheiro – arises from the excellent sun exposure of the vineyards bearing the same name – a sunny place. A large area of the vines used in the Classic Soalheiro comes from Quinta de Soalheiro where the grapes are organically produced and where the biodiversity of the animals and plants is promoted. It is exclusively from these vines that comes the grapes to produce the Soalheiro Primeiras Vinhas “first vines” and the Soalheiro Reserva.

