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Increasingly I think if I wasn't trying to cover Loire wines in some detail I would look to explore and write more about Portuguese wines. There is an excitement and energy here in Portugal with many wines offering great value and quality and lots of new projects going on.



With its first edition 10 years ago the Adegga WineMarket is an example of the dynamism that you can find in Portuguese wine along with the level of interest shown by consumers in exciting bottles. Saturday's edition was a sell-out in advance (a first) with around 1000 people attending the event in Marvila – not the most central part of Lisbon. Somewhere that can be reached by public transport but not the most obviously accessible, showing that people are prepared to make an effort to get there. Quite a number drove.

I spent much of my time at the WineMarket on Saturday in the Premium Room, where there were some special wines to taste – still and fortified wines. For me the most memorable were some of the whites. The tasting started with two stunning Vinho Verdes from Soalheiro both Nature 'Pur Terroir' – wines without sulphur. Both were double magnums – the first from 2017 and the second 2016. I marginally preferred the vivacity and rich texture of the 2017. This, however, is a marginal difference as both were lovely complex wines with a clear capacity to age further.