Soalheiro: Old Masters, new Vinho Verdes

If a symbol were needed about how much Vinho Verde has changed in the last decade, the left hand bottle - Quinta de Soalheiro Oppaco Tinto 2013 - would be it. It is this top Alvarinho Vinho Verde producer's first ever red wine - in 37 years! And, judging by the bottle weight, it's going to be a good deal more expensive than fellow top Vinho Verde/Alvarinho producer Anselmo Mendes' Pardusco - itself, a revolutionary wine in the (red) Vinho Verde stakes, the first made in 2012.

I liked the Oppaco, but Soalheiro's newest Alvarinho cuvée - Terramatter - really blew me away, as did...