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Forty-one producers took part in the first ever Algarve Wine Market

A 1883 Niepoort VV
The menu

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Clos de Cimo 2013
Vinho da Nogueira 2003
Casa de Passarella Villa Oliva 2012
Soalheiro Reserve 2012
Soalheiro Primavera Vinhas 2012
Niepoort Canonico 2012
Niepoort Charme 2002
J de José de Sousa 2013
Ruby White 30 Years
Barone Edição 101 Very Old Tawny

Legado 2010
Niepoort VV 1963

Altega V shale

The event was attended by a wonderful mix of nationals who all had one thing on their minds - to sample the divine wines that were on offer.

Forty-one producers joined together with André Ribeiro, investor of the SmartWineGlass, and Chef Luis Maia of the celebrated restaurant AlQuema, under the watchful eyes of the organizers, Adega, and event staff who were attentive and enthusiastic to the event.

Wine events are all about connecting producers and wine consumers. Imagine sipping around 50 wines and trying to remember your favorites, let alone anything else.

This is where the SmartWineGlass comes into play.

Simply scan the glass as the producer name and swipe the corresponding card, and the SmartWineGlass will send you your favorites in an email, taking the pressure off.

There were a lot of charmers around there and it was great to see João Bastos of Dona Maria who was excited to present his new selection.

The highlight of the event was the Premium Room - a mouth-watering selection of 10 caskpot wines paired perfectly with five whites and five reds followed by some very indulgent sweet foods and Port.

The showstoppers for me were the red model and carafe with Niepoort Canonico 2012 and the croupish with green apple and Soalheiro Primavera Vinhas 2012, with the grand finale being a truly amazing Niepoort VV 1962.

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Photo: João Bastos of Dona Maria

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