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DISCOVER THE GREEN WINE ALVARINHO ROUTE ON QUINTA DE SOALHEIRO

Located in Melgaço, Quinta de Soalheiro is a place that stands for its location and because it is the first brand of Alvarinho of Melgaço. Integrated in the Green Wine Alvarinho Route, on Quinta de Soalheiro you can discover the importance of Alvarinho for the region.

In 1974, João Antonio Cerdeira, with the support of his father António Esteves Ferreira, planted at Quinta de Soalheiro the first continuous vineyard of Alvarinho. Protected by a range of mountains that create the perfect conditions of rainfall, temperature and hours of sunshine needed for the ripening of the grapes of Alvarinho, Quinta de Soalheiro produced, in 1982, the first brand of Alvarinho of Melgaço, the Soalheiro.

This wine is present in 24 export markets, representing 40 percent of sales, particularly in Germany, Angola, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, South Korea, Denmark, Japan, USA, Israel, Latvia and Singapore, having an international growth of about 25 percent in all countries. The investment made by the brand in the domestic and international recognition has been reflected in infrastructure and equipment and wine tourism, with a value of one million euros. In 2014, the company earned 1.4 million euros and expects to close 2015 with a turnover close to 1.8 million euros.

The year 2014 is made up as a year of "projection and international recognition for Soalheiro", says Quinta de Soalheiro in a statement. The Soalheiro Classic 2014 won four gold medals in international competitions, with the latest distinction to be achieved in Hong Kong, in Asia Wine & Spirit Awards 2015. Following this distinction, Soalheiro will be present in 2016 at

the Restaurant & Bar Expo in the Chinese city, which will be appreciated by experts in the field.

The farm is not limited to the production of the classic Alvarinho, and has extended its product range to the Alvarinho fermented

in oak barrels, the Sparkling Wine and Brandy Old. Soon, Quinta de Soalheiro will introduce two more wines: Soalheiro Granite and Oppaco, the first red Alvarinho. On the farm there are 10 hectares of grapes, produced according to the concepts of organic farming and another 40 hectares are





produced in partnership with local farmers. Annually are produced about 200 thousand bottles of Soalheiro.

Currently, Quinta de Soalheiro, managed by the sons of João Antonio Cerdeira, is part of the Green Wine Alvarinho Route, as well as Quinta de Folga, two projects that allow to know the importance of Alvarinho and Bísaro pork in the county of Melgaço. Guided tours for groups are available by reservation, with the possibility to know the vineyards of organic production system and the cellar of Quinta de Soalheiro, with a tasting of traditional food of Melgaço, accompanied by Alvarinho Soalheiro, on Quinta de Soalheiro.

The winery of Quinta de Soalheiro suffered, over time, several developments in the constant search for improved quality in the production of wines. The winery has current winemaking equipment, which allows the management of wine production and bottling, and is divided into several sections. Besides the winery, Quinta de Soalheiro also has a tasting room with a panoramic terrace that allows you to observe the vineyards, the mountains surrounding the valley and neighboring Spain.

