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For this selection I have singled out some wines that all represent good value for money but are also a bit special. Let's start with Soalheiro Granit, currently one of my favourite Alvarinho varietals. The main label Soalheiro costs a few euros less whilst Granit costs a few euros less than the premium wines from Soalheiro such as Primeiras Vinhas. The grapes come from a small lot at higher altitude where the soil is rich in granite. It is a wine of great freshness and quite some complexity with a mineral character, ideal to serve with a smoked salmon or seafood starter, €12.95.

Happy festive tipples to all!

All prices mentioned are at Apolónia

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