Soalheiro, one of the first producers of Alvarinho from Melgaço some twenty years ago, produces perhaps the most iconic and awarded wine in the region. A few years back they added Primeiras Vinhas to their portfolio, a wine based on their oldest vineyard plantings, showing incredible depth and intensity of flavour. Like many other producers, they also have an oak-aged version of Alvarinho, not my preferred style, as I like to see the varietal fruit flavours come to the fore, but if the oak is handled deftly, in some cases it can work.