



**Name of Wine:** Deu La Deu Alvarinho

**Producer:** Adegas Coop. Regional de Monção

**Region:** Vinho Verde sub-region of Monção, Portugal

**Vintage:** 2009

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Alvarinho (The superstar white grape of the Vinho Verde region aka Albariño across the border in Spain. It can make rich, full-bodied and fragrant whites and in Portugal they tend to have a more mineral based structure)

### **Grape Source:**

**Vineyards:** Only the best fruit from Adegas Monção's 1,700 member/growers supply the grapes for this cooperative's top cuvee, together they farm 1,200 hectares of vineyards, that averages to less than 2 acres of vines per grower. No herbicides or pesticides are used by the growers and the co-op has a vineyard management team that goes out to help the growers in their vineyards.

### **Vinification:**

**Harvest:** Hand harvested

**Maceration/Fermentation:** Fermented in stainless steel tanks using native yeast. No oak aging. No malolactic fermentation.

### **Other:**

**Alcohol Volume:** 13%

**Ratings:** 100 Points Vinos Unico Staff

### **Tasting Notes:**

Pronounced aromas of white flowers, stonefruit, citrus and minerals. Lots of tart green apple, peaches, lemon/lime zest and tropical fruit on the palate with underlying minerality. Dry finish, medium bodied with very little to no effervescence. This is a great example of the Alvarinho varietal and this will be fantastic with seafood dishes, soft cheeses or handy around a BBQ on a hot summer day.

### **History:**

Most of Monção, from the church to the paving stones, is built from the local granite which helps give the soil its unique mineral character, and the entire village is encircled in massive granite walls. These walls were key in successfully repelling numerous Spanish invasions from across the river, including a siege in 1368 when Deu La Deu Martins, the mayor's wife, scraped together enough flour and water to bake a few last loaves of bread and threw them over the walls to the Castilian attackers shouting "If you need any more, just ask!" The Spanish, thinking that Monção still had plentiful resources, were discouraged from their siege and retreated. Adegas de Monção's flagship wine is named after her.

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