



**Name of Wine:** Muralhas de Monção (The Walls of Monção)

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

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

**Vintage:** 2009

**Grape Varieties:** Blend of **85% 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) and **15% Trajadura** (Relatively aromatic used to soften the acidity in other varietals, it ripens early)

### **Grape Source:**

**Vineyards:** 1,700 member/growers supply the grapes for this cooperative, together they farm 1,200 hectares of vineyards, that averages to less than 2 acres of vines per grower

### **Vinification:**

**Harvest:** Hand harvested

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

### **Other:**

**Alcohol Volume:** 12%

**Ratings:** **100 Points** Vinos Unico Staff

### **Tasting Notes:**

Watery pale greenish color, with aromas of jasmine flower, white peach, citrus zest and wet stone. On the palate I find flavorful amounts of green apple, ripe nectarine, lemon zest and pineapple. This wine is dry, medium bodied with a slight effervescence, tart acidity and medium finish.

### **History:**

Established in 1958, Monção is one of the best run cooperatives in Portugal. It operates from surprisingly old-fashioned premises just south of the town and draws in grapes from growers in the municipalities of Monção and Melgaço. The Monção Cooperative is the single largest producer of Alvarinho, accounting for more than half the production of the Monção sub-region. It has grown from the original 20 growers who founded it in 1958, to over 1,700, farming over 1,200 ha, in 2009. Quality is paramount at Monção as growers who meet their strict requirements earn 10 times more for their grapes, growers who's grapes don't meet the standards earn significantly less and the wine made from their grapes are separated and sold in bulk. It is a testament to the success of the Monção Co-op that "Muralhas" is one of the most reliable and best-known Vinhos Verdes in the thousand of fish restaurants that line the coast of Portugal from Lisbon to the Minho.

VINOSUNICO  
WINE IMPORTERS AND WHOLESALERS

3031 BRODERICK STREET, SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94123

T 415-674-6958 F 409-2832

[vinosunico.com](http://vinosunico.com)