



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: 2010

Grape Varieties: Blend of **85% Alvarinho** The superstar white grape of the Vinho Verde region, known as 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** An aromatic varietal used to soften acidity in blends, it ripens early and is known as Treixadura in Spain

Grape Source:

Vineyards: 1,700 small member-growers supply the grapes for this dry-farmed cooperative, together they farm roughly 1,200 hectares of vineyards, averaging fewer 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: 12.5%

Tasting Notes:

Pale green color with aromas of jasmine flower, white peach, citrus zest and wet stone. Green apple, ripe nectarine, lemon zest pineapple and light effervescence on the palate with a dry, medium bodied and tart finish.

History:

Established in 1958, Adega de Monção is one of just a handful of well-run cooperatives in Portugal. It operates from just south of the medieval walled city of Monção and its growers come from both Monção and nearby Melgaço, which together make up a sub-region of Vinho Verde where Alvarinho is king. 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 its original 25 growers to over 1,700, farming over 1,200 ha. In common with most cooperatives, grapes are selected by their sugar reading rather than *terrior*. It is a testament to the success of the Monção Co-op that “Muralhas” is one of the most reliable and best-known Vinho Verdes in the thousands of fish restaurants that line the coast of Portugal from Lisbon to the Minho. (*The Wines and Vineyards of Portugal*)

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