

# OLÉ & OBRIGADO

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## Nortico Alvarinho Reserva



Nortico Alvarinho is a tribute to the artisan grape growers and tile makers of northern Portugal. This wine showcases the Alvarinho grape, capturing the taste of coastal Portugal in every sip. It's a "farm-to-table" wine, sourced from old vines planted near the Minho River, located in the villages of Monção and Melgaço. These subregions are enclosed in a semi-circle of hills that protect it from the Atlantic winds, providing cold, rainy winters and hot, dry summers — ideal for producing wines of great quality. The label design pays tribute to the region's rich tradition of local craftsmanship, drawing inspiration from the hand-painted "azulejos" or tiles that grace the buildings throughout this area. Crafted by winemaker Alberto Orte from over 100 small vineyard plots, Nortico Reserva offers vibrant citrus notes floral aromas and a rich depth.

**WHAT MAKES THIS WINE UNIQUE?:** Nortico Alvarinho Reserva is a refined expression of northern Portugal, offering the crisp freshness characteristic of Alvarinho, along with added complexity. Crafted by winemaker Alberto Orte, it offers vibrant citrus and floral aromas, lively acidity, and a rich depth, creating a well-balanced, sophisticated wine with a unique, nuanced character.

**GRAPE:** 100% Alvarinho

**PAIRING SUGGESTIONS:** This wine pairs beautifully with seafood, particularly grilled shrimp, scallops, or oysters. It also complements dishes like roasted chicken, creamy risotto, or a fresh goat cheese salad. Its vibrant acidity makes it an excellent match for light, citrus-based sauces and dishes with fresh herbs.

**LOCATION, SOIL, CLIMATE:** Monção and Melgaço, situated in the northernmost part of Portugal, benefit from a distinct microclimate shaped by protective mountains. This unique setting ensures an ideal harmony of rainfall, temperature, and sunlight hours crucial for optimal Alvarinho grape maturation. During the ripening stage, the microclimate in Monção and Melgaço plays a vital role. The alternating hot days and cool nights foster the development of vibrant, fruity aromas, maintaining a refreshing acidity that is well-balanced.

**TASTING NOTES** Nortico Alvarinho Reserva offers a bright and vibrant nose with citrus and floral aromas, underscored by hints of green apple and a touch of minerality. On the palate, it delivers crisp acidity balanced by a deeper complexity, showcasing flavors of lemon zest, ripe peach, and subtle honeyed notes. The finish is fresh, long, and harmonious, with a refined richness that lingers.

**ALCOHOL CONTENT:** 13%

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