

Monte Velho & Assobio in Wine Spectator's '100 TOP Values'



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Wine Spectator has just announced the TOP 100 wines in the world with the best quality-price ratio. The publication selected two Esporão wines for this edition: Monte Velho White 2016 ranks in the 'rich whites' category and Assobio Red 2015 in the 'big reds' category.

This TOP ranking is based on quality, price and availability, and the wines are evaluated by Wine Spectator tasters throughout the year. All wines are rated 88 points or higher, priced at 20 USD or less and must be produced in large enough quantities to be widely available.

[Monte Velho White 2016](#) is produced using the traditional Alentejo grape varieties Antão Vaz, Roupeiro and Perrum. This wine has a clear citrine colour, with touches of lemon and delicate, fresh white fruit. Firm, intense and balanced on the palate with a long aromatic finish. Fresh and versatile, this wine is perfect for serving with light dishes, like grilled fish, salads and hors d'oeuvres.

[Assobio Red 2015](#) expresses the characteristics of the Quinta dos Murças plot with the same name. Resulting from traditional Douro grape varieties – Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz and Touriga Franca –, this is a fresh, versatile and food-friendly wine with hints of red berries and a long, elegant finish.

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See tasting notes here:

Monte Velho White 2016 <https://youtu.be/YwDPjseiv44>

Assobio Red 2015 <https://youtu.be/7SNXqHXftI>

For more information on Wine Spectator's '100 TOP VALUES of 2017':

<http://top100.winespectator.com/values/rich-whites/>

<http://top100.winespectator.com/values/big-reds/>

About Esporão:

Founded in 1973 by José Roquette and Joaquim Bandeira, Esporão's is one of the most important wine companies in Portugal. It is a key factor in making the Alentejo an important name in both national and international markets, Esporão is also an ambassador of Portuguese culture, operating in a sustainable way, while building close ties with customers and consumers the world over. Esporão is based in the Alentejo region, where it produces iconic wines, such as Esporão Reserva and Monte Velho, as well as extra-virgin olive oils. Herdade do Esporão also boasts an excellent wine tourism project on the same site as the wineries. The company's project now also extends to Quinta dos Murças, an estate in the Douro region that produces terroir wines.

Esporão sells its products in a range of shops and restaurants in over 50 countries in the world. The company's holistic approach in adapting a wide range of innovative sustainable practices led to the attribution of the coveted and prestigious "Sustainability of the Year Award" at the "The Drinks Business Green Awards 2013". In 2014, Esporão won an award at the "European Business Awards for the Environment" in the "Products and Services" category.

About Herdade do Esporão:

Located at the heart of the Alentejo and included in the Reguengos de Monsaraz DOC region, the Estate presents unique agricultural conditions – great temperature variations, poor and diverse soils, as well as an extraordinary biodiversity that enables us to produce in balance with the environment. There are approximately 702 hectares of vineyards, olive groves and other crops farmed using Organic Production Methods. Around 40 grape varieties, 4 olive varieties, orchards and vegetable gardens are planted on this land.

About Esporão's Quinta dos Murças:

Dating back to 1714, Quinta dos Murças is located in northern Portugal, in the Cima-Corgo sub-region of the Douro. The Douro, established in 1756, is the oldest DOC in the world. The region is characterized by its dry, hot climate and steep schist slopes carved out by the Douro River.

The Quinta dos Murças estate is situated on the right bank of the Douro River, between the towns of Régua and Pinhão, nearly two hours drive east of Porto. Stretching over half a mile along the riverfront, mainly with southern exposure, Quinta dos Murças encompasses a total of 383 acres, of which 118 acres are vineyards with indigenous grape varieties. In 1947, the estate became a pioneer with the first vertical vineyard planted in the Douro region.

Quinta dos Murças is a unique estate characterized by its 8 diverse terroirs, which are distinguished by different altitudes, exposures, variations of schist soils and vertical vineyards. In addition to the vineyards, the olive, orange and almond trees and the surrounding forest support biodiversity and promote the balance of the local ecosystem.

The region's extreme climate and terrain, the agricultural practices respecting nature and the different winemaking processes emphasize the true character of the fruit, resulting in concentrated, elegant and fresh terroir-driven wines.

Quinta dos Murças produces wines, such as Assobio DOC Douro and the Quinta dos Murças range - Quinta dos Murças Minas, Quinta dos Murças Reserva, Quinta dos Murças Margem, Quinta dos Murças VV47, Quinta dos Murças Porto Tawny 10 anos, Quinta dos Murças Porto Vintage 2011 and Quinta dos Murças extra-virgin olive oil.

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