

COMPANHIA DE VINOS DEL ATLÁNTICO

'NORTICO' ALVARINHO

ORIGIN

Portugal, Vinho Verde, Monção & Melgaço

WINE TYPE & VARIETIES

Still white, Alvarinho

SOIL

Granite

AGE OF VINES

15-110 yeas old

VITICULTURE

Sustainable

VINIFICATION

Grapes are selected at the winery and experience a long, cool fermentation. Racking, primary filtration and cold stabilization. Four months in stainless steel, filtration prior to bottling in February

Compañía de Vinos del Atlántico (CVA) was created in 2002 by Alberto Orte and Patrick Mata. Alberto and Patrick together with their respective families have over 250 years of experience of vine growing and winemaking. Their families have been independent wine producers since the late 1800's. The purpose of CVA is to unite this long history and heritage and to combine the vast knowledge and experience in carries.

Today CVA makes wines in several geographical locations, 18 different appellations on the Iberian Peninsula. The goal is to explore regions and to their handcraft, elaborar, wines that express their origin, respecting the terroir, place and identity from where it comes and is grown. Ever since CVA set out on this journey they have been in search of truly great vineyard sites for every given region, sites that out-perform and gives the potential of producing the best wine in that region. This work has involved identifying indigenous varieties and old vines grown organically in balanced, low-yielding, soils. The goal is always to own the vineyards they work with and the winemaking philosophy is always sensible. CVA is today one of the main figures and one of only a handful producers, as the likes of Raúl Pérez and Envinato, taking care of the old viticultural heritage Spain and Portugal has; saving old varieties, recuperating old vineyards/regions as well as making wine based on terroir/site rather than blending them all together. These people are in the forefront of bringing Spain and Portugal into a new (or old so to speak) era of wine.

Ask anyone for the best Alvarinho in Portugal and people will point to the northwestern villages of Moncao and Melgaco, just on the border with Spain. Here CVA produce one of our favorite wines, Nortico Alvarinho which really is a superb example of the grape's hallmark traits: fresh citrus, peach and tropical aromas paired with clean, juicy fruit and vibrant minerality. Here, on the south bank of the Minho River, farming is as it was centuries ago, with the grapes planted on granite pergolas in plots so small they are called "jardins"—or "gardens" in Portuguese. This humble yet serious wine showcases the best of northern Portugal's commitment to artisan production in all things.



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