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## Soalheiro Cota 27 2023

Cota 27 is an Alvarinho originating in the lower reaches of the Monção and Melgaço valleys, on small plots of vineyards on the left bank of the Minho River, where the soils are richer in clay. The interest in minerality, characteristic of this mountain Alvarinho, inspired Soalheiro to seek its riverside counterpart. It has an intense straw-yellow color with golden reflections, and is pure and bright. On the nose, it exudes aromas of ripe fruit, such as apple, plum, and lemon peel, with floral notes of acacia and elderflower. In the background, the mineral character, with a soft smoky touch, gives it great depth and elegance. On the palate, the wine is unctuous and broadly structured. It is elegant and complex. With volume and freshness in perfect balance, it has a long and lingering finish. The acidity is balanced and integrated, giving it a pleasant and subtle character.

| Producer        | Soalheiro   |
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| Region          | Vinho Verde   |
| Volume          | 75.0 cl.  |
| Grape Variety   | Alvarinho   |
| Drinking window | 2025-2030   |
| Alc.            | 12.0%   |
| Vinificatie     | The grapes are harvested by hand. After pressing and before fermentation, the must is clarified at a low temperature. We start with a selection of Alvarinho grapes from plots next to the Minho River, in the lower levels of the Monção and Melgaço valley. This wine starts fermenting in a french oak foudre and finishes in used 225-litre french oak barrels and in a stainless steel egg. In the egg there is a natural bâtonnage and in the barrels it undergoes bâtonnage for 9 months on the finest lees. It ages for 6 months in the bottle. |
| Rijping         | 9 months in foudre and 6 months in bottle   |

14.10 €