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Regional Wine

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The Esporão Company partners with a network of regional farmers in Alentejo to produce the Monte Velho wines. These wines reflect the diverse soils and heritage red and white blends the region is known for. For many Portuguese families, a bottle of Monte Velho is synonymous with Alentejo wine, and its presence on the dining table is a tradition that spans decades.

Location & History

Monte Velho wines are calling cards for the broader Alentejo region in southeastern Portugal. A few years after releasing the first wines, Esporão Reserva White and Red, the team began to collaborate with farmers throughout the region, expanding the estate's primary focus beyond the Reguengos de Monsaraz subzone. By supporting trusted regional partners to produce Monte Velho, the Esporão Company participates in the broader local economy and preserves its roots in Alentejo.

Winemaking Overview

Monte Velho winemaking reflects attentiveness to regional traditions but also innovation regarding winemaking in a warm climate. Unlike others in the region, Monte Velho wines are produced using dedicated red and white wine teams—the first company in Portugal to separate white and red production. With nearly forty varieties used in regular production, this thoughtful approach ensures that every year, Monte Velho wines are consistently excellent and classically Alentejo in profile. With the debut of Monte Velho Reserva, the winemaking team can express a focused selection of grapes, with a moderate oak aging regimen that adds spice and complexity while softening the tannins.

Agriculture & Sustainability

Esporão converted its estate vineyards to organic in the early 21st century and immediately noted an increase in wine quality. Together with their farmer partners, they have committed to sustainable, chemical-free agriculture and responsible vineyard practices in all sites that contribute to the Monte Velho wines. With support and guidance from Esporão, many of these farmers have extended their organic practices to all of their vineyards, even beyond those used in Monte Velho.

Wines

Monte Velho wines show off the charm and versatility of Alentejo; they offer a tremendous snapshot of the region in an accessible price range.

Monte Velho White is made from Antão Vaz, Arinto, Roupeiro, Gouveio and is aged in stainless steel, allowing the natural complexity and brilliance of the fruit to shine through

Monte Velho Red is completely unoaked, made from Alicante Bouschet, Touriga Nacional, Aragonez, Syrah, and Trincadeira, offering a spicy, enticing, gastronomic wine with a classic profile

Monte Velho Reserva Red is a selection made from older vineyards of Touriga Nacional, Aragonez, Syrah, and Trincadeira, which then spends 8 months in used oak barrels before bottling

