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## Press release

# Best of Portugal 2024: Alentejo cooperative boasts winning wine

The 2024 edition of the VINUM «Best of Portugal» competition has been won by a red blend from Alentejo: the Camim cooperative are an impressive showcase of Alentejo's rise to become the absolute top region in Portugal.

The Monsaraz Reserva 2021 impressed the entire judging panel in the final round – and beat nine other finalists in the red blend category with a total of 94 points. This blend of Alicante Bouschet, Touriga Nacional and Trincadeira demonstrates the creativity of the 800-strong Carmim cooperative from Reguengos de Monsaraz. The Best of Fortified prize went to a 20-year-old Moscatel de Setúbal made by José Maria de Fonseca Vinhos.

## Second year of the competition

The VINUM 'Best of Portugal' competition has been held for the second time. After a successful start last year, this year's event saw 104 producers submitting more than 360 wines. The awards were split into four categories: red and white wines, with varietals and blends for each. The judging panel also selected the best wines from the Douro, Alentejo, Dão, Vinho Verde and Tejo regions, as well as the best organic wine.

## Media information

All of the results have now been finalised. The top results will be published in the current VINUM edition 1-2/2024, and all finalist wines and a ranking will be published on the website.

All the finalist wines: <http://www.vinum.eu/best-of-portugal>  
Logos and bottle images to download: <https://elvis.abaecherli.ch/?w=T3R9DYKxDM>

## About VINUM – the magazine for wine culture

VINUM, a leading European special magazine for wine, was first published in 1980 and reaches around 308,000 readers in Switzerland, Germany, Austria and France via its three country-specific issues. For decades, VINUM has been demonstrating how to distil the essence from the fascinating consumer item that is wine. As well as magazines, VINUM's numerous themed and regional specials, online platforms, apps, books, social networks, awards (e.g. «Grand Prix du Vin Suisse», «Deutscher Rotweinpreis» and more) and events have made it a major international media brand. Further information is available here: [www.vinum.eu/ueber-uns](http://www.vinum.eu/ueber-uns)

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## The winners of the VINUM International Wine Competition «Best of Portugal 2024»

### SPECIAL AWARDS

<b>Best Portuguese Wine 2024</b>	<b>2021 Alentejo DOC Monsaraz Reserva</b> Carmim - Cooperativa Agrícola de Reguengos de Monsaraz, Reguengos de Monsaraz
<b>Best of Fortified</b>	<b>Setúbal DOC Moscatel de Setúbal Alambre 20 Anos</b> José Maria da Fonseca Vinhos, Vila Nogueira de Azeitão
<b>Best of Bio</b>	<b>2011 Dão DOC Reserva Tinto</b> Julia Kemper Wines, Mangualde
<b>Best of Wine Region</b>	
Alentejo	<b>2021 Alentejo DOC Monsaraz Reserva</b> Carmim - Cooperativa Agrícola de Reguengos de Monsaraz, Reguengos de Monsaraz
Dão	<b>2021 Dão DOC Casa de Santar Red</b> Global Wines, Carregal do Sal
Douro	<b>2019 Porto Late Bottled Vintage</b> Menin Douro Estates, Andrães, Vila Real
Tejo	<b>2022 Tejo DOC DOC Viognier ODE Viognier</b> Ode Winery, Vila Chã de Ourique
Vinho Verde	<b>2021 Vinho Verde Melgaço e Monção DOC View</b> Élio Lara, Merufe

### Category 1: Red blends

1st place	<b>2021 Alentejo DOC Monsaraz Reserva</b> Carmim - Cooperativa Agrícola de Reguengos de Monsaraz, Reguengos de Monsaraz
2nd place	<b>2020 VR Alentejano Explicit</b> Vinhos Rosa Santos Família, Estremoz
3rd place	<b>2021 Alentejo DOC Canto do Monge Superior</b> Herdade do Corval, Corval

### Category 2: Red varietals

1st place	<b>2019 Douro DOC Sousão Ensaios Extremes</b> Colinas do Douro, Escalhão
2nd place	<b>2020 Douro DOC Sousão</b> Quinta do Vallado, Peso da Régua
3rd place	<b>2022 Tejo DOC Touriga Nacional ODE</b> Ode Winery, Vila Chã de Ourique

### Category 3: White blends

1st place	<b>2021 Alentejo DOC Quinta do Paral White</b> Quinta do Paral, Vidigueira
2nd place	<b>2021 VR Alentejano Lobo de Vasconcellos Reserva Branco</b> , Adega Lobo de Vasconcellos, Vendinha
3rd place	<b>2022 VR Transmontano Branco Reserva</b> Valle Pradinhos, Macedo de Cavaleiros

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**Category 4: White varietals**

1st place	<b>2021 Vinho Verde Melgaço e Monção DOC View</b> Élio Lara, Merufe
2nd place	<b>2021 Bairrada DOC Quinta do Ribeirinho Branco</b> Luís Pato, Amoreira da Gândara
3rd place	<b>2022 Tejo DOC DOC Viognier ODE Viognier</b> Ode Winery, Vila Chã de Ourique

**Category 5: Rosé\***

Top rosé	<b>2022 Douro DOC Crasto Rosé</b> Quinta do Crasto, Sabrosa
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**Category 6: Sparkling wine\***

Top sparkling wine	<b>2018 Bairrada DOC Sidónio de Sousa Special Cuvée</b> Vinhos Sidónio de Sousa, Sangalhos
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**Category 7: Port wine\***

Top port wine	<b>2019 Porto Late Bottled Vintage</b> Menin Douro Estates, Andrães, Vila Real
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\* These categories did not reach the minimum number of 30 wines. We are therefore just presenting the top wine in each case, rather than assigning places.

**All the finalist wines can be found at  
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