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Press release

Best of Portugal 2023: an astonishing winner – 94 points for €9.95 from the winery

The best Portuguese wine is a best buy – and it comes from Alentejo.

A fantastic premiere: at the VINUM 'Best of Portugal 2023' competition with more than 400 wines submitted, a winner was chosen that impressed not only for its flavour, but also its value for money.

The Adega Lobo de Vasconcellos estate snapped up the sought-after Best of Show prize for its VR Alentejano Lobo de Vasconcellos Tinto 2019. This Alentejo winery, run by winemaker Manuel Lobo, was also awarded first place in the Red Cuvées category. Lobo is responsible for Quinta do Castro's winemaking in the Douro. The Best of Fortified prize went to the 20-Year-Old Cockburn's Tawny Port from Symington Family Estates.

Successful start to the competition

This was VINUM's first ever 'Best of Portugal' competition. The tasting competition saw a 20-person judging panel selecting the best Portuguese wines. 106 producers presented a total of 403 wines.

The awards were split into five categories: red wines, white wines, and fortified wines, with additional varietal and cuvée categories for both reds and whites.

In addition, the panel awarded prizes for the best organic wine and best buy – a category focusing on value for money. The best wines from the Douro, Alentejo, Dão, Vinho Verde, Península de Setúbal and Lisboa regions were also honoured.

Media information

All of the results have now been finalised. The top results will be published in the current Swiss VINUM edition 1-2/2023, and all finalist wines and a ranking will be published on the website.

All finalist wines
Logos and bottle images of winning wines

<http://www.vinum.eu/best-of-portugal>
<https://elvis.abaecherli.ch/?w=VY-7Brx1a>

About VINUM – the magazine for wine culture

VINUM, a leading European special interest 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 source of pleasure 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

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The winners of the VINUM International Wine Competition "Best of Portugal 2023

SPECIAL PRICES

Best of Show	2019 VR Alentejano Lobo de Vasconcellos Tinto Adega Lobo de Vasconcellos, Vendinha
Best of Fortified	Cockburn's 20 YO Tawny Port Symington Family Estates, Vila Nova de Gaia
Best Buy	
Up to 10 Euro	2019 VR Alentejano Lobo de Vasconcellos Tinto Adega Lobo de Vasconcellos, Vendinha
10 up to 15 Euro	2018 VR Alentejano Touriga Nacional HDL Herdade dos Lagos, Mértola
15 up to 25 Euro	2019 Vinho Verde DOC Parcela Única Anselmo Mendes Vinhos, Melgaço
Best of Bio	2018 VR Alentejano Touriga Nacional HDL Herdade dos Lagos, Mértola
Best of Appellation	
Douro	Cockburn's 20 YO Tawny Port Symington Family Estates, Vila Nova de Gaia
Alentejo	2019 VR Alentejano Lobo de Vasconcellos Tinto Adega Lobo de Vasconcellos, Vendinha VR
Dão	2019 Dão DOC Astrolabium Reserva Tinto Global Wines, Carregal do Sal
Vinho Verde	2019 Vinho Verde DOC Parcela Única Anselmo Mende Vinhos, Melgaço
Peninsula de Setúbal	Setúbal DO Moscatel Roxo Pingo Doce Adega de Pegões, Pegões Velhos
Lisboa	Oeiras Villa Oeiras Superior - 15 anos Vinhos Villa Oeiras

Category 1: Red wines blends

1. Place	2019 VR Alentejano Lobo de Vasconcellos Tinto Adega Lobo de Vasconcellos, Vendinha
2. Place	2020 Alentejo DOC Adega de Borba Reserva Adega de Borba, Borba
3. Place	2020 Douro DOC Raio de Luz Herdade do Rocim, Cuba

Category 2: Red wines monovarietal or autochthonous

1. Place	2018 VR Alentejano Touriga Nacional HDL Herdade dos Lagos, Mértola
2. Place	2017 Vinho Verde DOC Alvarelhão Pardusco Private Anselmo Mendes Vinhos, Melgaço
3. Place	2017 Dão DOC Quinta das Marias Touriga Nacional Reserva Especial Quinta das Marias, Carregal do Sal

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Category 3: White wines blends

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| 1. Place | 2019 Douro DOC Quinta da Extrema Reserva white
Colinas do Douro, Escalhão |
| 2. Place | 2020 VR Península de Setúbal Autocarro Nº 38
Herdade Do Portocarro, Torrão |
| 3. Place | 2020 Alentejo DOC Branco
Quinta da Fonte Souto, Reguengo |

Category 4: White wines monovarietal or autochthonous

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| 1. Place | 2019 Vinho Verde DOC Parcela Única
Anselmo Mendes Vinhos, Melgaço |
| 2. Place | 2021 Douro DOC D. Graça Branco Reserva
Vini Lourenco, Poço do Canto - Mêda |
| 3. Place | 2020 Vinho Verde DOC Curtimenta
Anselmo Mendes Vinhos, Melgaço |

Category 7: Fortified

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| 1. Place | Cockburn's 20 YO Tawny Port
Symington Family Estates, Vila Nova de Gaia |
| 2. Place | Setúbal DO Moscatel Roxo Pingo Doce
Adega de Pegões, Pegões Velhos |
| 3. Place | Quinta do Javali 30 Years Old Tawny Port
Quinta do Javali, São João da Pesqueira |

Categories 5 und 6: Rosé and Sparkling

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| Best rated Rosé | 2021 VR Alentejano Alento Estremoz Rosé
Adega do Monte Branco, Estremoz |
| Best rated Sparkling | 2018 Douro DOC D. Graça Espumante Bruto
Vini Lourenco, Poço do Canto - Mêda |

All final wines under
www.vinum.eu/best-of-portugal

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