

## Verdelho and 2 Castas: new Esporão vintages available



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Esporão has just launched the 2016 vintages of the Verdelho and Duas Castas white wines, which are made using grape varieties with unique characteristics. The wines also reflect the region's geology, topology and climate combined with the art of winemakers David Baverstock and Sandra Alves.

The 2016 [Verdelho](#) is aromatic, balanced and unique, expressing the grape's character, which is enhanced by the Alentejo region's soils and climate. With an intense aroma of passion fruit, tangerine and lime, the grape variety continues to demonstrate its consistency and quality, year after year.

Esporão was pioneering when it planted **Verdelho** on mainland Portugal, quickly demonstrating that the variety was perfectly suited to the Alentejo's soils and weather conditions. Over 20 years ago, the company built a winery exclusively for white wines that allied innovation and the winemaking team's talent. Vision and nature were crucial to the success of Esporão's Verdelho, which was considered the **Best Wine in Portugal** (at the 2015 Concurso de Vinhos de Portugal - Portuguese Wine Competition).

David Baverstock offers his tasting notes and tells the story of Verdelho at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AT-oJ-Nd5LA>

Discover more about the origin of the Verdelho grape variety at:

<https://www.esporao.com/pt-pt/magazine/vinhos-2/verdelho-heranca-madeirense.html/>

Every year, after the harvest, Esporão's winemakers face the challenge of finding the best blend of two white grapes for [2 Castas](#). In 2016, David Baverstock and Sandra Alves chose Roupeiro and Viosinho to create a blend that boasts complex, delicate, citrus notes and slight floral nuances with an intense palate that boasts a slight mineral touch highlighted in a long, fresh finish.

**Esporão 2 Castas, white 2016** | 75 cl – RRP €8  
**Esporão Verdelho, white 2016** | 75 cl – RRP €10

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<https://www.esporao.com/pt-pt/magazine/esp-orao-a-comida-portuguesa-a-gostar-dela-propria/episodio-14-lingua-vaca-rabo-boi.html/>  
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**About Esporão:** Founded in 1973 by José Roquette and Joaquim Bandeira, Esporão's is one of the most important wine companies in Portugal. It is a key factor in making the Alentejo an important name in both national and international markets, Esporão is also an ambassador of Portuguese culture, operating in a sustainable way, while building close ties with customers and consumers the world over.

Esporão is based in the Alentejo region, where it produces iconic wines, such as Esporão Reserva and Monte Velho, as well as extra-virgin olive oils. Herdade do Esporão also boasts an excellent wine tourism project on the same site as the wineries. The company's project now also extends to Quinta dos Murças, an estate in the Douro region that produces terroir wines with the Esporão seal of quality.

Esporão sells its products in a range of shops and restaurants in over 50 countries in the world. The company's holistic approach in adapting a wide range of innovative sustainable practices led to the attribution of the coveted and prestigious "Sustainability of the Year Award" at the "The Drinks Business Green Awards 2013". In 2014, Esporão won an award at the "European Business Awards for the Environment" in the "Products and Services" category.

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