

IL-QATRA

July Session Report

Session Theme: Portugal

Date: 26.07.2022

Location: Xara Lodge

Attendance: 24

Menu:

Scallop and Tuna Carpaccio - *Yuzu, Dill, Fennel, Sea Purslane*

Swede Roulade - *Goat Cheese, Hazelnut, Charred Onion*

BBQ Grilled Beef Striploin - *Unagi, Baby Pac Choi, King Oyster Mushroom*

Date and Vanilla Tart - *Peach Sorbet, Yoghurt*

Food Scoring: 8.2/ 10

		Wine	Region	Vintage	Varietal	Voting Out of 20	Avg Int Rating	Retail Price	Importer	Consumption
Aprtf	Sparkling Rose	Quinta de Soalheiro	Minho	Brut NV	Rare rose Blend	13.6	88/100	€14.95	Holy Wines	6 bottles
A	Red	Oppaco	Minho	2017	Blend	12.8	89/100	€15.95	Holy wines	5 bottles
B	Red	Chryseia	Duoro	2016	Blend	15.5	92/100	€54	Farsons	8 bottles
C	Red	Tabula	Ribera del Duero	2016	100% Tempranillo	16.5	89/100	€32	Farsons	6 bottles
D	Red	Quinta de la Rosa Reserva	Duoro	2018	Blend	16.4	91/100	€41.89	Kontrada	7 bottles
Average						15			Average per member	1.3 bottles

Wine: Quinta de Soalheiro Bruto Rose	Region: Minho d.o. Portugal
Vintage: NV	Varietal: Touriga Nacional, Vinhao, Alvarelhao
Alcohol Content: 12.5%	
Tasting Notes <i>Soalheiro Espumante Bruto Rosé</i> has a pink salmon colour with fine and persistent bubbles. On the nose it is elegant and delicate with notes of fruit. The flavour is complex and persistent, with a freshness and minerality that refresh the palate.	
Producer's Description Our <i>Espumante Bruto Rosé</i> evolved from a curiosity to discover the best expression of Touriga Nacional in our Territory. Typically known for bold red wines in Douro Valley, Touriga Nacional does not have the same characteristics when grown in Monção and Melgaço. After some experimentation, we discovered that Touriga Nacional reaches its best potential in our region in the form of rosé. By combining this famous Portuguese varietal with Alvarinho, and later Pinot Noir, we have crafted a sparkling rosé that is light, fresh, and expressive of our Territory.	



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Wine: Oppaco Quinta de Soalheiro	Region: Minho
Vintage: 2017	Varietal: Vinhao, Alvarinho and Pinot Noir
Alcohol Content: 12.5%	


Tasting Notes

Ruby colour, fresh and fruity aroma, it has an elegant, long and consistent flavour. Ideal to accompany meaty fish and shellfish, white meat meals such as duck and turkey.

Producer’s Description

Soalheiro is the first brand of Alvarinho in Melgaço (the northernmost point of Portugal) and one of the first Portuguese producers of Alvarinho. Here, the Alvarinho is special, the terrain is protected by a set of mountains that create conditions of rain, temperature and hours of sun necessary for the better ripening of the grapes.

The very particular microclimate of this region combined with an excellent sun exposure led to João António Cerdeira planting the first continuous vineyard of Alvarinho in 1974 and creating the first Alvarinho de Melgaço - Soalheiro brand in 1982.



Wine: Chryseia Prats & Symington	Region: Duoro
Vintage: 2016	Varietal: Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional
Alcohol Content: 14%	

Tasting Notes

Powerful, concentrated and dense and with a strong personality from Douro, it balances with a trace of freshness and minerality. Fine and elegant tannins.

Description

Chryseia was the first Portuguese non-fortified wine in the Wine Spectator’s annual Top 100 Wines and has now appeared three times in this influential list. In 2014 Chryseia 2011 was ranked at number three in the Top 100, the highest ever placing of a Douro wine Chryseia is the fruit of two of the "old world's" greatest wine making traditions, produced in the unique Douro Valley in Northern Portugal. In 1998, the Symington family joined forces with Bruno Prats, a leading Bordeaux winemaker and former owner of Cos D'Estournel, to produce a top class red wine in the Douro. Douro means "golden" in Portuguese, and its Greek translation is "Chryseia". Chryseia is primarily made from Touriga Nacional, a low yielding variety of great complexity and finesse, and Touriga Francesa which is more tannic. Also used are Tinta Roriz, known as Tinto del País (Tempranillo) in Ribera del Duero, and Tinto Cão, a variety with a most attractive aroma. Each variety has been chosen from the vineyard where it grows best. The proportion of the varietals is deliberately not published as this is expected to vary from year to year.



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Wine: Tabula Bodegas Tabula	Region: Ribera del Duero
Vintage: 2016	Varietal: Tempranillo
Alcohol Content: 14.5%	


Tasting Notes

A full-bodied red with concentrated aromas and flavours of blackberries, blackcurrants, cherries, liquorice, cinnamon and toffee. The mouthfeel is full and elegant with a long finish.

Producer's Description

Located in Olivares de Duero, Bodegas Tabula has 70 hectares of vineyards and possess the natural and technical ingredients necessary to produce quality wines in a modern style but where a good expression of the vineyard has been sought. At Tabula there is one important philosophy: to make the best quality wines that express the authentic terroir of la Ribera. Very old vines, the latest technology, French oak vats for malolactic fermentation, the double selection of grapes, first in the vineyard and again in the winery, plus very limited production - a winemaker's dream.

The premium wine of Bodegas y Viñedos Tábula is Tabula with a limited production, it is ideal for those looking for wines with great structure and intensity.



Wine: Quinta de la Rosa Reserva	Region: Duoro
Vintage: 2018	Varietal: Tinta Barroca, Tinta Roriz and Touriga Nacional
Alcohol Content: 14.5%	
Tasting Notes On the nose, extremely fresh ripe black fruits aromas combined with floral notes ending in hints of liquor and chocolate. Rich, full, and complex on the palate with bold flavours and elegance. Succulent tannins contribute to a very long and delicious finish	
Description The Douro region of northern Portugal is the home of Port. Though Douro is best known for its fortified wines, total production there is fairly evenly split between Port and non-fortified wines. The viticultural zone covers the steep slopes along the banks of the lower reaches of the river, which is one of the longest on the Iberian peninsula. From its source in northern Spain, where it is known as the Duero, it flows through the famous vineyards of Ribera del Duero before finding the Portuguese border and becoming the Douro. The Douro's most unifying trait is its mountainous terrain, although the area covers a broad array of terroir Jorge Moreira's winemaking philosophy is simple: let the terroir express itself in bottle avoiding the use of too much extraction, tannin, or oak. Balance and equilibrium are essential and by ensuring good acidity and minerality our wines always display La Rosa's signature elegance and freshness. The reserve is foot trodden in granite lagares before being transferred to stainless-steel vats for fermentation. Matured for 20 months in used French oak casks	

