

Antonio Madeira 2019 "A Liberdade" Branco

WineWise Code	PAM-AL119
Country	France
Region	Dão
Color	White
Case Size	6x750
ABV	13.5
Acidity	5.05
Residual Sugar	0.5
Closure	Natural Cork
Annual Production (this wine only)	160
Varieties	70% from Encruzado, Cerceal and Bical and 30% field blend of 20 native grape varieties
Maceration_Notes	3 hours macerating inside the press
Pumpover or Punchdown?	No
Destemming	Complete
Fermentation Vessel	Stainless Steel
Fermentation Duration	3 months without added sulfites
Aging Method	Stainless Steel 100%
Aging Duration (Months)	9
Filtered?	No
Fining_Agents	None
Yeast	Spontaneous
Lees_Contact_Stirring	Fine lees until bottling
Malolactic	Yes
Added Sulfur?	Yes, 2g/L
Soil Type	Granite
Elevation (meters)	500
Vineyard_Aspect	Northwest
Vine Age (years)	30 years old (70%) and 90 years old (30%)
Vine Yields (hl/ha)	15
Farming Practices	Bio-dynamic
Grape Picking	Hand-harvested

Notes from the Producer:

António Madeira, who is French of Portuguese descent, has his roots in the foothills of Serra da Estrela. Since 2010, António Madeira has been researching the places in this sub-region, that his ancestors elected as the best for winemaking, those that we might call the 'Grands Crus of the Dão highlands' and found a series of old vines that are distinctive because of the authenticity of their grape varieties, the characteristics and nuances of their granite soils and sun exposures.



Notes about the producer:

When Vasco Croft of Aphros recommended António to us, he described him as “a young brilliant producer who is making a unique job with reaching old vines and terroirs, using organic farming and biodynamics.” He further stated that he thought these the best wines in the Dão today, and certainly the most mineral.

For a wine that is both un sulphured (but for a touch at bottling) and unfiltered, this wine is strikingly pale and pure. The oak aging is done with the lightest touch, and yet this wine evokes burgundy in an uncanny way, with its sleek, sweet fruit, pronounced acidity and sense of leesy potency. A marvellous advertisement for Dão.