



**Name of Wine:** Muralhas de Monção Rosé (The Walls of Monção)

**Producer:** Adega Coop. Regional de Monção

**Region:** Vinho Verde sub-region of Monção, Portugal

**Vintage:** 2009

**Grape Varieties:** Blend of **Alvarelhão** (Produces wine that is fairly light in many respects but it is also very well balanced with good acid levels), **Pedral** (grown mostly in the Monção sub-region, it is an early ripening grape producing moderate amounts of sugar and light ruby colored wines) and **Vinhão** (mainly appreciated for its coloring qualities, since it creates deeply red coloured wines, opaque to light. It is believed to be originally from Minho, being later taken to the Douro region, where it is known as Sousão. It is also one of the rare teinturier (red-fleshed) grapes in the world).

### **Grape Source:**

**Vineyards:** Over 1,600 growers supply the grapes for this cooperative

### **Vinification:**

**Harvest:** Hand harvested

**Maceration/Fermentation:** Fermented in stainless steel tanks. No oak aging. No malolactic fermentation.

### **Other:**

**Alcohol Volume:** 11.5%

**Ratings:** 100 Points Vinos Unico Staff

### **Tasting Notes:**

Light pink in color. Nice racy acidity with a bit o spritz and great red berry fruit with some watermelon notes. This is a dry food friendly rose that will pair with so many different foods but in particular spicy Latin and Asian food like Thai or Schezwaun stand out!

### **History:**

Established in 1958, Monção is one of just a handful of well-run cooperatives in Portugal. It operates from surprisingly old-fashioned premises just south of the town and draws in grapes from growers in the municipalities of Monção and Melgaço. The Monção Cooperative is the single largest producer of Alvarinho, accounting for more than half the production of the Monção sub-region. It has grown from the original 25 growers who founded it in 1958, to over 1,700, farming over 1,000 ha, in 2006. In common with most cooperatives, grapes are selected by their sugar reading rather than *terrior*. It is a testament to the success of the Monção Co-op that “Muralhas” is one of the most reliable and best-known Vinhos Verdes in the thousand of fish restaurants that line the coast of Portugal from Lisbon to the Minho. (The Wines and Vineyards of Portugal)

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