



2017 Anselmo Mendes Expressões

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Mendes, Anselmo
93	\$40	2019 - 2032	From: Portugal , Vinho Verde , Monção e Melgaço
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: White
Mark Squires	30th Apr 2019	Issue 242 End of April 2019, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2017 Expressões is an Alvarinho aged for nine months in used French oak (light toast). It comes in at 13% alcohol, with under two grams of residual sugar and 6.7 grams of total acidity. Lovely, this handles its wood beautifully and shows off its gorgeous fruit. Ripe, succulent and delicious, it has the concentration and power to hold up well to foods. In fact, that is its highest and best use. This is not the simple-sipper type of Vinho Verde. It is full-bodied and simply coats the palate. Yet the fruit always shines through, and it is graceful as well. At least today, this might well be my favorite of the upper-level 2017s. That may change as the trio ages—and they will age very well. I suspect the final answer will be that the Curtimenta wins, but we'll see. This certainly has the potential to be the best yet in this relatively new brand. This bottling is certainly coming along just fine, in other words. I had some questions about it early on, but it seems to be answering those pretty well. There were 3,000 bottles produced from vines between 15 and 20 years in age.

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