



HOWARD'S FOLLY

## 2017 ALVARINHO



**Grapes:** 100% Alvarinho

**Region:**

Produced in the sub-region of Monção and Melgaço of the Vinho Verde Region in the north west of Portugal where Alvarinho grapes are exclusively grown. This wine is made from cool climate grapes grown in the mountainous Melgaço area, and shows the typical minerality and tight acidity derived from the local stony granite soils.

**Harvest information:**

Handpicked /transported in 15kg plastic crates.

**Vinification:**

Bunch sorted prior to destemming and crushing. 48hr cold settling.

**Ageing/Finishing:**

4 months ageing on light lees before cold stabilization and bottling.

Bottled in May 2018

**Winemaker's Notes:**

Fresh, citric aromatics with some exotic lime notes. Firm, tightly structured palate with intense fruit and complex minerality, finishing with typical Melgaço stony acidity.

**Alcohol**  
13,45%

**Total acidity**  
7,0 gm/l

**Volatile acidity**  
0,36 gm/l

**pH**  
3,2

**Total sulfur**  
110 mg/l

Howard's Folly is a small producer of wine from the Alentejo region of Portugal. The winemaker, David Baverstock, is an Australian by nationality but long time Portuguese resident who is credited with revolutionizing the Portuguese wine industry by introducing new world techniques to old world material.

He has won the Portuguese Red Wine Trophy at both the 1999 and 2002 International Wine Challenges, as well as winemaker of the year (Portugal) 1999, the first non Portuguese Winemaker to do so. He is the head winemaker for the world famous Herdade do Esporão.