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Vinhos Barbeito – 2002 Malvasia Single Cask 260 D + E

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Don't you just love it, when you still can sense the primary fruit and the typicity of a grape variety – and yet get some age and balance on top of that? Welcome to the world of colheitas!

The more Madeira I taste, the more I believe that the colheitas has a very important role to play in the future of Madeira wine. They're also the wines which seem to catch my interest the most. The Vintage wines will always have their niche market, but in order to attract new customers, the colheitas fruitier style is a necessity.

Furthermore, there's always this psychological barrier to get by when it comes to the price of a vintage wine. Although I do consider that decades of aging is worth paying for, many consumers will not share my thoughts. Or can for that matter.

Therefore it's so pleasing to write about a wine that has been aged for 11 years, shows plenty of grape character and yet has signs of leaving the primary phase of wine. The **Vinhos Barbeito 2002 Malvasia Single Cask 260 D + E** costs around €30 or \$40 and hit the market last year. For the wine, Ricardo Diogo uses Malvasia grapes from the north coast of Madeira, from the area around São Jorge.



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Tasting note on the 2002 Malvasia

A transparent light amber color. Expressive nose with the typical trademark's of Malvasia from Barbeito. The dusty summer road, the elegant floral scents, moist pipe tobacco and dried fruits, figs mainly. There's also an orange zest note. I love this phase where the freshness still leads the way.

On the palate it shows impressive concentration, quite similar with the two of the bottlings Ricardo Diogo made from the 2000 vintage, the 40A and 44A. Wet rocks, figs, orange like acidity, herbal honey and lilacs. Add some vanilla fudge, tobacco and old wood to that. Long, refreshing and lingering finish.

The MAM opinion:



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Old stuff on the 2000 Malvasia Single Cask 40A and 44A.

* *The D and E stands for two different warehouses where the wine has been kept.*

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