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ABOUT



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A Wine bearing the name of an Island and an Island bearing the name of a Wine

Acknowledged all over the world as a tourist destination par excellence, the Island of Madeira also owes its celebrity to the wine bearing its name, which has earned fame and prestige in the most varied parts of the globe.

Appreciated across the world, this **“nectar” is one of the Island of Madeira’s key features**. Chosen to celebrate the Independence of the U.S.A. in 1776, praised by Shakespeare, cherished by kings, princes, generals and explorers, Madeira Wine is undoubtedly a genuine treasure.

Although **there are more than 30 different grape varieties**, the best ones are: **Sercial, Boal, Verdelho and Malvasia**. **Sercial is particularly good for dry wine**, being ideal as an aperitif for its lightness, intense perfume and light colour. **Verdelho**, delicate, very aromatic and golden-coloured, **is the most suitable for accompanying meals**. **Semi-sweet**, smooth, velvety and dark golden-coloured, **Boal** is mostly **recommended between a dish of roast meat and dessert**. **Between meals or for dessert**, few can resist **Malvasia**. It represents the sweet, full-bodied, intensely perfumed and red-coloured wine.

The vineyard landscape, deeply entrenched on the Island, sports a colour palette which shifts throughout the year, from different shades of green to russets. The construction of the terraces, supported by stone walls, evokes staircases which, in some parts of the Island, extend from the sea to the mountain, resembling small gardens built into the landscape.

Grape harvesting takes place in **September**, and is open to all. This is when the **Madeira Wine Festival** is held, a tribute to this century-old product of worldwide fame.

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