

2015 Anselmo Mendes Expressões

Rating	Release Price	Drink Date	Producer: Mendes, Anselmo
91	\$38	2017 - 2025	From: Portugal , Vinho Verde
Reviewed by	Issue Date	Source	Color: White
Mark Squires	28th Apr 2017	230, The Wine Advocate	Type: Table

The 2015 Expressões is an Alvarinho aged for nine months in used French oak. It comes in at 13% alcohol. Among Anselmo's upper-level offerings, this is probably the one that hasn't truly wowed me. It's very good—don't misunderstand—but I'm not entirely sure yet that it has the distinctiveness it needs. That said, this is probably the best year yet, although I'm still being a bit conservative in evaluation. The laser-like focus and fine acidity make it a pleasure to drink. Bright and tight, it doesn't excite you with its depth, but for freshness and verve, it's right up there, without just being unbalanced and all about acidity. Overall, this still has a chance to improve in the cellar and it should hold well. It may seem unassuming and easy to drink, but it will hold for several years without a problem, given good storage and provenance, of course. (Don't confuse Anselmo's wines with typical Vinhos Verdes!) Sourced from 12 to 15-year-old vines, there were just 4,000 bottles produced.

Sweetness: Dry

Type: Table

Variety: Albariño

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