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## How Wines Of Portugal brings a world of difference to 2020

*The wines being made in Portugal have changed in just the last few years, and they are really hot right now. To celebrate the dynamic changes taking place there trade body Wines of Portugal took the theme of Taste A World of Difference for its annual portfolio tasting. They changed the venue, the style of the tasting, drafted in Three Wine Men for the evening consumer event, and have put even more oomph behind their already-impressive education programmes, Organics section and focus on the excellent white wines coming out of the country.*



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**Barbeito Madeira, Barbeito Verdelho Vinho Branco, 2018, Madeirense,**

OK, so this is maybe a tad on the pricey side and *needs* a good hand sell, however it really is worth it. I was stood inbetween two other tasters having a go at this and we all had the same look on our faces.

Impressed! Subtle sweet spice, gooseberry, nectarine, peaches, limes, apricots, bitter pith finish, long finish, and (listen up you lunchtime luvvies!) very light in alcohol.

The wine itself is only into its second vintage, the brainchild of 3<sup>rd</sup> generation family owner and

winemaker in Ricardo Freitas. The fruit comes from a specially selected site on the north part of the island, with the juice then fermented and aged in (mostly aged) oak. Small production for now, but it's been well received, so get your hands on a case or two quick smart! (**Raymond Reynolds**, RRP £30)