



Albufeira named one of Portugal's 7 Gastronomic Wonders

GALA || Albufeira has been named one of Portugal's 7 Gastronomic Wonders. The final gala was held on Sunday (September 16), precisely in Albufeira.

Monção, Lages do Pico, Vila Real, Terras de Chanfana, Bairrada ao Mondego and Mirandela were the other winners of the night with Lagoa missing

out despite being among the final nominees.

Albufeira mayor José Carlos Rolo accepted the trophy alongside actor and comedian Manuel Marques, the 'sponsor' of Albufeira's bid, which was jointly held with neighbouring village Olhos de Água.

"This is proof that Albufeira, and the Algarve, are

more than just sun and beaches. We have unique gastronomy that sets us apart and makes us proud," said the mayor.

Portugal's 7 Gastronomic Wonders competition aims to showcase the country's best dishes, wine, olive oil and food-related tourist route.

To try to impress the jury, each participating town had to present a number of reasons why it was pitching itself as one of the country's 'gastronomic wonders'.

Food-wise, Albufeira and Olhos de Água's table presented sea urchins as the seafood 'snack' and a 'cataplana de peixe' (fish stew cooked in a traditional clam-shaped pot) as main course.

Oranges were named as its "indigenous ingredient" while the Rosé Vida Nova



2017 and Onda Nova Branco 2014 were singled out as the best examples of locally-made wine.

The bid also highlighted the rare fresh water springs at the Olhos de Água beach and the

Quinta do Mel farm, described as a "unique" spot for agrotourism in the borough.

One of the highlights to promote the bid was the presentation of the biggest cataplana the world has

ever seen during the 'Marina Classic Weekend' held at the local marina last weekend.

Over one ton of food was cooked inside a huge copper cataplana, weighing around 500 kilos. **M.B.**





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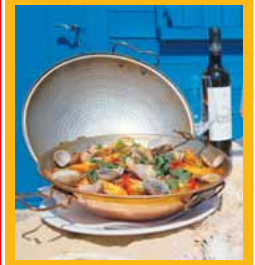
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