

## Wine Tasting Dinner at Vila Monte 18th November... WHAT A NIGHT! €1733.00 raised!

96 guests raised several glasses at the Wine Tasting Dinner at Vila Monte on the 18th November organised by **afpop** EA. It was good to see so many happy smiling faces who clearly like wine ☺



This is the third annual wine tasting evening at Vila Monte, these wine tasting evenings started back in 2018. Sadly it couldn't take place last year for obvious reasons, the evenings attracts many wine lovers and StreetLife supporters. This year the response was overwhelming

We're not sure how many of you remember the heady days of the 80's, wine bars and Beaujolais Nouveau days. It is always the third Thursday in November (which is the background to this annual event), when everyone would be waiting just after mid-night for the release of the new wines... and then there was a race who could get the first bottles of wines across from France. All of the wine bars would be heaving with party people!

Well, Moncarapacho is not quite that scene, although we know there were some party people there on the night ☺. Everyone had the opportunity to taste wines that many of hadn't tasted before.

ARVAD ([www.arvad.pt](http://www.arvad.pt)), very generously sponsored five wines for the evening for the guests to taste. Mariana Carmo Canelas briefly explained the history behind ARVAD and the grapes used in the making of the wines.

We also thank all of the Vila Monte team who helped make the evening a success... from the chefs to the lovely staff looking after the guests.

The evening was also a small celebration for Graeme Cree, the President of StreetLife.

He couldn't celebrate his 70th last year because of restrictions, so this year was a chance for him to say goodbye to his first year of being a septuagenarian and raise funds for our local community

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All guests were asked to bring a small "*something*" to go towards little hampers as raffle prizes. Jean was "in charge" of sorting all of the "gifts" into little hampers.

There were 15 mini hampers in total as raffle prizes as well as a fabulous items donated by Vila Monte and Apolonia. There were also prizes from Restaruante Antonio and items from Gato Preto.

We had a team of "persuasive ladies" going around selling raffle tickets - thank you to: Dizzie, Linda, Pam and Sue

**The evening raised €1733.00 for StreetLife  
— which is a fantastic result.**

**A date for next year has already been booked:  
Thursday 17th November 2022**

**The Portugal Resident & Algarve Daily News both reported on this event which  
can be seen in the**

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