

## REGIÃO AUTÓNOMA DA MADEIRA JUNTA DE FREGUESIA DE SANTA LUZIA

## Consent Letter

We, the Santa Luzia Social Center, hereby express our full and unequivocal support for the candidacy of Madeira Wine for inscription on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Our institution is deeply committed to preserving and promoting cultural traditions that contribute significantly to the economic and social development of local communities.

Madeira Wine, with its rich history and distinctive production methods, is far more than just a beverage; it is a profound symbol of the cultural identity of the Autonomous Region of Madeira. Furthermore, it serves as a vital pillar of the regional economy, supporting numerous small producers and fostering sustainable development.

We recognize the critical role that Madeira Wine production plays in improving the economic conditions of countless families, particularly in rural areas. The tradition of vine cultivation and winemaking is a heritage passed down through generations, involving men and women whose indispensable contributions span every stage of the process, from harvesting to commercialization.

Beyond being a key source of income, Madeira Wine enhances tourism and fosters educational opportunities about Madeira's culture and history. It promotes the appreciation of local heritage while contributing to the well-being and quality of life of the community.

The Santa Luzia Social Center fulfills its mission of providing education, entertainment, and support to improve the lives of the elderly. During our training sessions, participants have demonstrated great enthusiasm for the topic, sharing personal experiences and expressing unanimous support for this initiative.

For all these reasons, we reaffirm our unwavering support for the candidacy of Madeira Wine for inclusion on UNESCO's Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

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