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Dear Sir or Madam,

Through this letter, Centro Social e Paroquial de São Bento da Ribeira Brava formally expresses its informed consent in support of the nomination of the Madeira Wine Traditions for inscription on the UNESCO Representative List of the Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Our community wishes to introduce itself by affirming its deep historical and cultural connection with the production of Madeira Wine. This practice shapes daily life, traditions, and the very identity of the families who, over generations, have dedicated themselves to cultivating vineyards and preserving the ancestral knowledge associated with this unique heritage.

Madeira Wine holds immense significance for us. It is a treasure of our island and a symbol known throughout the world. Its importance extends to the economic, cultural, and landscape dimensions. Vineyards mark the Madeiran landscape, changing with the seasons, from green to shades of brown, offering tourists a vivid and evolving image of our agricultural heritage. For many visitors, this vineyard-crafted landscape is one of the island's first and most memorable charms.

The production of Madeira Wine continues to spark interest among those born into this environment, those who own smallholdings, or those who maintain a direct connection with agricultural activity. Although many young people pursue academic and professional paths outside this field, we believe that UNESCO recognition could strengthen interest in traditional practices, valuing know-how and encouraging new generations to engage in viticulture, especially those studying agricultural-related fields.

For our community, this nomination is a significant added value. Much like the Laurissilva Forest, another of our great patrimonial treasures, we believe that the inscription of Madeira Wine will reinforce the international recognition of our culture. It will also serve as a source of income, offering greater support to winegrowers and contributing to the promotion of tourism.

Madeira Wine is, above all, a testament to the ingenuity of the Madeiran people. Its production reflects unique techniques transmitted over centuries and demonstrates how communities have adapted to the island's geographical and climatic conditions. This intangible heritage resides not only in the wine itself, but also in the knowledge, practices, traditions, and lived experiences that make it a profound expression of our collective identity.

With this letter of consent, we reaffirm our full support for the nomination and express our willingness to collaborate with all entities involved in the process.

Yours sincerely,



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