



A coin to celebrate the Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture

At 7 p.m. on the 28th of October, a commemorative coin dedicated to the Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture will be presented; the ceremony will take place at the Interpretation Centre of the Landscape of the Pico Island Vineyard Culture.

This coin is the 13th in a series of 14 that are dedicated to UNESCO World Heritage Sites in Portugal, with the aim of making a contribution to strengthening the sense of belonging of the Portuguese people and to asset their identity in the world.

On the obverse of the coin, designed by sculptor Paula Lourenço, can be seen a vine emerging from the volcanic stones, along with the crest of the Republic and its face value. Rising out of the reverse, in relief, is a representation of the Pico volcanic cone, partially covered by cloud, with an interpretation of the so-called "*curraletas*" at its base. The coin has a face value of €2.50 and is minted with two types of finish: in 92.5% silver with a proof finish, packaged in a case with a guarantee certificate, with a maximum issue limit of 3000 examples, and in a normal finish with a cupronickel alloy, of which 100,000 examples will be issued.

The Banco de Portugal will begin the distribution of the coins with a normal finish, exchangeable at face value, on the 27th of October.

The coin is on sale at INCM shops, in banks, in specialist shops and at www.incm.pt.

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