



VINHO VERDE, PORTUGAL



"We are involved in our wineries from the ground up."

-Gillett Johnson, President



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The History

Founded in 1917, the wine cellars of **Quinta da Calçada** are located in a palatial building from the XVI century in the heart of the historical city center of Amarante. They represent an historical position for the region of Amarante with its influence extending throughout Portugal. One of the oldest producers of Vinho Verde, **Quinta da Calçada** is focused on quality white and is a pioneer in the production of sparkling wines by the classic method within the region, and with a recent past of production of brandy.

Inside the Quinta da Calçada Estate, there is a small vineyard with 50 ares*, classified as the oldest Vinho Verde region.

Manuel Antonio da Mota, a successful entrepreneur and enthusiast for agriculture, acquired **Quinta da Calçada** in the 60's to preserve its rich heritage and legacy that, during its 3rd generation, lives on today.



^{* 1} are = 100 sqm

^{** (}http://eoropean50best.com)
2013 - 3rd place | 2014 - 1st place | 2015 - 2nd place



Vinho Verde Region

Vinho verde is a unique DOC region in the world with that extends from the Atlantic Ocean to the higher mountainous regions bordering Douro Valley. It has 20,000 wine producers with average plots under 1ha.

The rainfall in the region averages between 1,200 to 1,600 mm/sqm. Vinho verde is home to 20 white varietals and 17 red varietals recommended or permitted by the DOC. The soils of the region consist primarily of granite, sandy loam, chist, and in some areas clay.

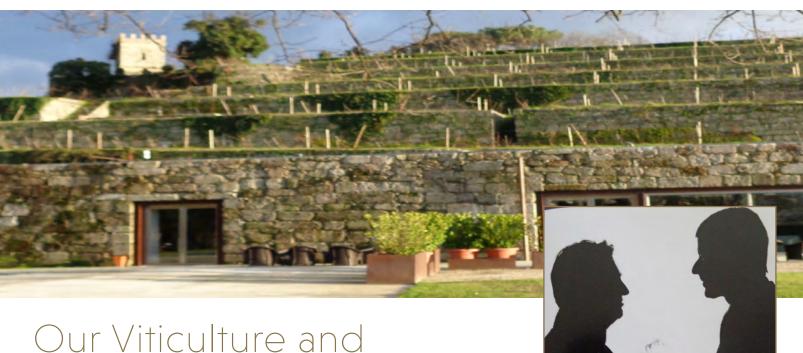
Quinta da Calçada is located in the historical city center of Amarante inside the ViŹo Verde region. It is in the subregion of Amarante, around 40 minutes from Porto and 10 minutes from the entrance to the Douro Valley. This subregion is characterized by granitic soils with some mixtures of schist, where the Atlantic influence is highly present. That influences decisively the terroir, which characterizes wines by an incisive minerality, high in fresŹess and with a special gastronomic fit.

Quinta da Calçada has always been a producer of high quality wines focused on the interpretation of terroir wines and specializing in white wines.

"We believe this region has
the special ability to produce
white and sparkling wines
that Quinta da Galçada seeks
to explore within its nearly
50 hectares of vineyards,
and are reflected in the wines
making up this portfolio."

Vinho Verde Region C/L(/)/ **PORTUGAL** # 1 THE SUB-REGION OF MONÇÃO AND MELGAÇO THE SUB-REGION THE SUB-REGION OF CÁVADO ATLANTIC OCEAN THE SUB-REGION OF BASTO THE SUB-REGION THE SUB-REGION **OF AMARANTE AMARANTE** THE SUB-REGION DOURO RIVER OF SOUSA **CASA** PORTO (**DA CALCADA** THE SUB-REGION 1 QUINTA DA CALÇADA 2 SALVADOR THE SUB-REGION 3 LOCAIA OF PAIVA 4 VALE PENA 5 VÁRZEA





Our Viticulture and Winemaking Philosophy

Most of our vineyards are located around the subregion of Amarante. The varietals we grow are mainly **Alvarinho, Loureiro, Avesso, Arinto** and **Azal.** Because our soils are essentially granite and chist and our orographic location, we enjoy a microclimate that makes our terroir so distinctive.

Hot daytime temperatures are ameliorated by the cooling effects of the Atlantic Ocean in the evening. Such Mediterranean temperature variations result in longer hang times and more even ripening for the grapes. The early harvest in the microclimate of Amarante assures an early harvest minimalizing exposure to autumn rains.

We use high density planting with low production per vine to extract the full complexity of each grape. Optimal nutrition and irrigation is applied specific to the vineyards needs.

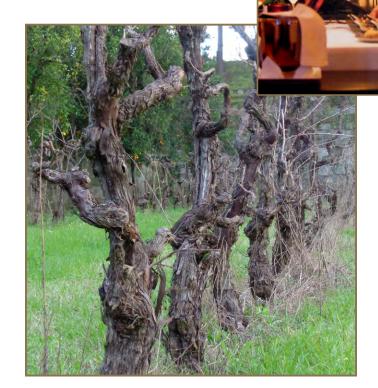
We minimalize intervention in nature and respect the fruit that grows in our Estate so that it translates into the wine we produce, while preserving the terroir of origin. We use sustainable practices that are certified by Sativa.

"We use sensorial analysis of the grapes to evaluate maturation and to decide what time to harvest. We make a careful selection of the grapes in the vineyard—all are handpicked."



Hospitality

In 2000, the historical building of **Quinta da Calçada** was converted into a boutique hotel with the quality rating of Relais & Chateaux. Keeping its roots as a wine estate, you can find a One Star Michelin restaurant called *Largo do Paco*, consecutively classified as one of the best restaurants in Europe.**





Winemaking

Joāo Cabral Almeida is the winemaker at Calcada Wine Estates. We focus on making wines from our own 140 acres of vineyards, where the vines range from 5 to 100+ years of age. All our wines are made at the winery, DOC, vintage dated and hand harvested.





Winemakers Notes













Vinho Verde

WINEMAKERS NOTES

This wine has a yellow citric colour, with a slight gas content that favours its freshness and the release of its aromas. It expresses the character of the Vinho Verde region with subtle floral notes and fruited aroma. It has a vivid acidity that result in a very fresh and attractive wine.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The previously selected grapes were de-stemmed and slightly pressed. The extracted juice is decanted in a static process. Then it has its fermentation in a stainless steel vats with controlled temperature during approximately 15 days.

GRAPE VARIETY

Loureiro, Arinto, Azal and Trajadura

Rosé

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Presents a citric colour with a fine and persistent effervescence. Fresh and intense aroma, combining floral and citrus nuances with a slight and soft smoked. It reveals fresh on the mouth with a creamy and delicate mousse. Elegant and tasteful ending.

VINIFICATION METHOD

From the grape varieties of Loureiro and Arinto that were gently de- stemmed and pressed. The extract- ed juice was decanted statically and fermented in stainless steel vats.

GRAPE VARIETY

Arinto and Loureiro

Red

WINEMAKERS NOTES

This wine has a cherry colour, with a slight gas content that favours its freshness and the release of its aro- mas. It expresses the character of the Vinho Verde region with subtle floral notes and fruited aroma. It has a vivid acidity that result in very fresh and attractive wine.

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GRAPE VARIETY

Vinhão





Lago has a yellow citric colour, with a slight gas content that favours the release of its tropical and citric aroma. It reveals a great freshness on the mouth, with a vivid acidity resulting in a very pleasant and versatile wine.

VINIFICATION METHOD

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GRAPE VARIETY

Loureiro, Arinto, Azal and Trajadura



Rosé

WINEMAKERS NOTES

This wine presents a cherry colour and a slight gas content that favours the release of its fruit aroma. It reveals a great freshness on the mouth, with a vivid acidity resulting in a very pleasant and versatile wine.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The previously selected grapes were de-stemmed and slightly pressed. The extracted juice is decanted in a static process. Then it has its fermentation in a stainless steel vats with controlled temperature during approximately 15 days.

GRAPE VARIETY

Vinhão



Red

WINEMAKERS NOTES

Lago Red features a beautiful Rubi colour. On the nose reveals an aroma of red ripe fruits. Also, well integrated wood notes revealing some complexity and elegance. Full-bodied on the mouth with soft and engaging tannins that result in a fresh and persistent finishing.

VINIFICATION METHOD

The selected grapes were gently pressed. The juice was fermented in stainless steel barrel with controlled temperature. After fermentation it staged with French and American wood during approximately 3 months. Before bottling the wine is previously filtered and stabilized.

GRAPE VARIETY

Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Barroca

Point of Sale

DISTINCTLY Lago Rose has a slight effervescence that favours the release of its fruity aroma. Notes AG of cherry blossom, fuchsia and red fruits like strawberries, raspberries and melon. A brilliantly fresh and light wine

GLASS | BOTTLE





Table Tents | Tasting Notes | Shelf Talkers

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Reviews





Wine Spectator

Quinta da Calçada Vinhas Velhas

2015 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) – 93-94 points

2013 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) - 91 points

Quinta da Calcada Reserva

2016 | Wine Enthusiast - 90 points

2015 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) - 91-92 points

2014 | Wine Enthusiast – 89 points

2013 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) – 90 points

2012 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) - 89 points

2012 | Wine Enthusiast – 90 points

Quinta da Calçada Alvarinho

Quinta da Calçada Loureiro/Alvarinho

2016 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) – 91 points

2015 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) - 90 points

2013 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) – 89 points

Quinta da Calcada Rosé

2015 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) - 90 points

Portal da Calçada Reserva Branco

2017 | Wine Spectator – 89 points

2015 | Wine advocate (Robert Parker) – 89 points



Reviews

Top 30

2017 Vinho Verde as rated by Wine Spectator

Wine		Vintage	Score	Release Price	Select
*	Portal da Calçada Reserva Vinho Verde	2017	89	\$13	0
~	JOÃO CABRAL DE ALMEIDA Loureiro-Alvarinho Vinho Verde Camaleao	2017	89	\$18	0
*	SOALHEIRO Alvarinho Vinho Verde	2017	89	\$20	0
~	ANSELMO MENDES Alvarinho Vinho Verde Monção e Melgaço Muros Antigos	2017	88	\$22	0
~	ANSELMO MENDES Alvarinho Vinho Verde Muros de Melgaço	2017	88	\$32	0
~	NIEPOORT Loureiro Vinho Verde Dócil	2017	88	\$15	0
•	CASA DE VILA NOVA Loureiro Vinho Verde	2017	87	\$15	0
•	QUINTA DA LIXA Alvarinho-Loureiro-Trajadura Vinho Verde Escolha	2017	87	\$11	0
~	QUINTA DA LIXA Loureiro-Trajadura-Arinto Vinho Verde Terras do Minho	2017	87	\$9	0
~	CASA DE VILA NOVA Vinho Verde Rosé	2017	86	\$12	0
~	ENOPORT Vinho Verde Rosé Mapreco	2017	86	\$10	0
~	QUINTA DA LIXA Vinho Verde Anjos de Portugal	2017	86	\$9	0
~	ANSELMO MENDES Alvarinho Vinho Verde Monção e Melgaço Contacto	2017	86	\$20	0
~	ADEGA COOPERATIVA DE PONTE DE LIMA Vinho Verde Rosé Meio Seco Encostas do Lima	2017	86	\$13	0
~	JOÃO PORTUGAL RAMOS Vinho Verde Rosé	2017	86	\$9	D



A SNEAK PREVIEW OF THE BUYING GUIDE FOR THE **SEPT. 30, 2018** ISSUE, FEATURING ALL OF THE SPECTATOR SELECTIONS

Wine Spectator's Sept. 30 issue features "the New Las Vegas." This fantastic package includes more than 20 new restaurants in this exciting dining destination, plus all of the city's Restaurant Award-winning establishments.

The issue's tasting report covers White Burgundy's 2015 and 2016 vintages.

BEST VALUES



LAGO CERQUEIRA DOURO VALLEY RED 2014 • \$10

A polished, full-bodied red, featuring glazed cherry and red plum pudding notes detailed with herb, pepper and fresh earth accents and hints of mocha on the finish. Drink now through 2020. 6,000 cases made.—G.S.



DOMINIO DE EGUREN Viño de la Tierra de Castilla White Protocolo 2017 • \$8 Floral and ginger notes float across the firm, polished texture of this savory white, with apple and pear flavors supported by fresh acidity. Macabeo and Airén. Drink now. 20,000 cases made.—*T.M.*