

Loureiro Vinho Verde AB Valley 2023



Region

Portugal's northern Atlantic coastal region of Minho shares much in common with its northern Spanish neighbour, Galicia. The Minho is a verdant green coastal region, often shrouded in mist, where the grey granite soils support a wide variety of fruits and vegetables and various localised grape varieties. There are around 60,000 hectares of vines planted in Minho. Many of these are dedicated to Vinho Verde, the country's largest DOC.

Producer

AB Valley Wines was formed in 2016 by renowned winemaker Antonio Sousa and Bernardo Lencastre. Their idea was to make wines which showcase the indigenous grape varieties of the region with the terroir of Vinhos Verde's sub region of Amarante. The terroir is ideal for grape growing; Amarante is protected from the influence of the Atlantic and has a high average altitude, higher temperatures than the regional average and the hottest summers overall. These conditions favour the development of late-maturing varieties such as Azal and Avesso.

Tasting Notes

Vinho Verde is typically a fresh style of wine that translates to 'young wine', it is often associated with a slight spritz on the front of the palate as the wine is bottled quickly. Loureiro is a fragrant and expressive grape variety; Loureiro means 'laurel' due to the similar aroma of the berries to the laurel tree. This fresh and zesty wine has notes of honeysuckle, orange blossom, acacia, apple and white peach.

Food

Serve with prawns, soft shell crab or fish soups.

Technical Information

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| Country | Portugal | Dry/Sweet Style | Dry |
| Region | Minho | Alcohol Content | 11.5% |
| Grape(s) | Loureiro (100%) | Closure Style | Screw cap |
| Type | White | Organic/Biodynamic | No |
| Style | Crisp | Allergens | Milk: No Egg: No |
| Oaked Style | Unoaked | Vegetarian/Vegan | Vegetarian: Yes Vegan: Yes |
| Body Style | Light bodied | | |
| Sustainable | Yes-sustainable practices | | |



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