

QUINTA DE CAMARATE[®]

Sweet White 2017

HISTORY

Located in Azeitão, near Setúbal, Quinta de Camarate was acquired by António Soares Franco Jr. in 1914 and is now property of Domingos Soares Franco, one of the owners of José Maria da Fonseca. Quinta de Camarate has an area of 120 hectares, 39 of which are covered with vines. The remainder of the land are grazed by sheep which produce the famous Azeitão cheese. The vines of Quinta de Camarate are planted on lime and clay soil sheltered by the Arrábida hills.

José Maria da Fonseca is the oldest and one of the most prestigious wineries in Portugal, producing table wines, Port and Setúbal Moscatel. The Soares Franco family owns José Maria da Fonseca and has been involved in the wine business for almost 200 years. With over 650 hectares of land under vine in our main wine regions: Península de Setúbal, Alentejo and Douro, José Maria Fonseca also boasts Portugal's largest winery, with capacity to produce 6.5 million litres of wine in a totally computerised operation.

THE WINEMAKER

Domingos Soares Franco started working at José Maria da Fonseca in 1980. Since then, he has introduced several changes into the wines produced by this company, becoming one of the most innovative new-generation winemakers in Portugal. As a winemaker, his first major influence was undoubtedly that of his father Fernando Soares Franco. His uncle, António Porto Soares Franco, a man of great vision, also influences him tremendously, among other important achievements, he deserves to be recognized as the creator of the first Portuguese rosé "Faisca" and later the another called "Lancers", which still one of the best known Portuguese wines around the world and José Maria da Fonseca's first international "best seller".



Setúbal Península

The harvest of 2017, with all the adversities of drought and extreme heat, is showing an exceptional quality in white wines, very close or even superior to 2011 harvest.

REVIEWS

2014 Vintage:

Revista de Vinhos – 15,5 pts / Revista Wine – 15 pts

2013 Vintage:

Revista de Vinhos – 15,5 pts

2011 Vintage:

Revista de Vinhos – 15,5 pts

2008 Vintage:

Revista Wine Passion - 15,7 pts

2006 Vintage:

Vinhos de Portugal 2008 Wine Guide – 15,5 pts

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Classification: Vinho Regional Península de Setúbal

Grape Varieties: Alvarinho (56%), Loureiro (44%)

Region: Península de Setúbal

Vineyard Area: 4 ha

Type of Soil: Clay - Lime

Wine Production: 19.800 Litres

Tasting Notes:

Colour: Light yellow

Aroma: Tropical fruits (Kiwi, banana, pineapple), very mineral

Palate: Good fruit quality, elegant, with volume, balanced, good finish

Finish: Long

Vinification: At 16°C without skin contact.

Ageing: None

Date of bottling : February 2018

Analyses:

Alcohol – 11.5%

Total Acidity – 4.60 g/l as tartaric acid

pH – 3.15

Residual Sugar – 40 g/l

Shelf Life: Consume while young.

Serving Suggestions: At a temperature of 10/11°C with pâté, sushi, smoked salmon and desserts.

Storage: Laid down bottles at a temperature of 12°C and humidity of 60%.

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