

# PERIQUITA ROSÉ

2018

## HISTORY

The history of Periquita is interwoven with the story of José Maria da Fonseca itself, beginning in the 1820s when the founding father of the company, José Maria da Fonseca arrived in Lisbon and bought several local properties. One such purchase, most probably in 1840's, was Cova da Periquita. It was on that property that José Maria da Fonseca planted red grapes of the Castelão variety, which he brought most probably from the region of Estremadura. Although, we are not sure when the first vintage was produced. We are certain that by 1850 Periquita red already existed, as mentioned on Mr Fonseca records.

José Maria da Fonseca registered the Periquita trademark in 1941. For this reason, Periquita brand is the oldest commercialized table wine having, over time, acquired a growing popularity in Portugal and a considerable reputation in markets such as Sweden, Brazil, United States of America, Canada, Denmark and Norway. Periquita Rosé was first produced on the 2007 vintage. This new member of the family offers the same value that Periquita consumers have been experiencing over the years.

José Maria da Fonseca is the oldest and one of the most prestigious wineries in Portugal, producing 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.

## WINEMAKERS TEAM

Under the guidance of Domingos Soares Franco - the first Portuguese winemaker to graduate from the recognized University of Davis in California - a team of hand-picked winemakers are responsible for undertaking a wide range of research, studies, experiments and innovation that make José Maria da Fonseca a pioneer in much of what is done in terms of winemaking in Portugal and in the world. This is a job that starts in the vineyard, covers the entire production process and ends in the bottled wine made available to the consumer.



### Regional Península de Setúbal

The Rosé wine from the Periquita family. We've been around for a long time, and focusing on typical Portuguese moments, a Rosé was a natural evolution. This wine, made from Castelão, Aragonês and Touriga Nacional is a perfect match for salads, pasta and seafood or simply as a nice aperitif. So just open a bottle and enjoy the Portuguese way of life!

## REVIEWS

**2017 Vintage:**  
Wine Enthusiast – 85 pts

**2014 Vintage:**  
Revista Wine – 14 pts / Revista de Vinhos – 15 pts

**2013 Vintage:**  
Wine Enthusiast – 87 pts / Revista de Vinhos – 15,5 pts

**2008 Vintage:**  
Wine Spectator Magazine - 85 pts

## VINTAGE INFORMATION

**Classification:** Regional Península de Setúbal

**Region:** Setúbal Península

**Grape varieties:** Castelão (82%), Aragonês (12%) and Touriga Nacional (6%)

**Type of soil:** Sandy

**Wine production:** 110.000 Litres

**Tasting notes:**  
Colour: Light pink  
Aroma: Clean, red berries and blue berries  
Palate: Excellent fruit, good acidity  
Finish: Medium

**Vinification:** Stainless steel fermented at 16°C.

**Date of Bottling:** February 2019

**Analyses:**  
Alcohol – 12.0 %  
Total Acidity – 5.32 g/l as tartaric acid  
pH – 3.39

**Serving suggestions:** Consume at a temperature of 10°C as an aperitif or with salads, fish and sea food.

**Storage:** The bottles should be laid down at a temperature of 12°C and 60% humidity.

**Shelf life:** Drink while young.

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