



Vila Nova Alvarinho

Casa de Vila Nova is owned by the Lencastre family, of aristocratic Portuguese lineage. This land has been in their family since the 12th century - the ivy clad tower that still remains from that time is now surrounded by Vila Nova (new house) that was built in the 1700s, and the property was gradually extended over the centuries.

The estate is near the town of Penafiel, close to the eastern border of Portugal's vinho verde wine region, around a 30 minute drive east from Oporto. In the late 1970s the family planted vines over 12 hectares - mainly local Portuguese varieties. In 2008 Bernardo Lencastre and his brothers took over the running of the property, revitalised the vineyards and began making vinho verde and bottling their own wines - the first generation to do so. They now have around 42 hectares of vineyard.

Here, in the Entre-Douro-e-Minho sub-region of Sousa, their vineyards are influenced by winds from the Atlantic Ocean - creating the perfect climate to ripen varieties such as Fernao Pires, Avesso and Trajadura

The grape variety is the same as the fashionable Albarino found in north western Spain – but tends to command less of a premium price! There are bright citrus aromas with hints of lime. A fresh and zesty white with more citrus characters on the palate, and appealing minerality.

A good match for chicken salads, fish and sushi. Or perhaps Vietnamese meatballs?

Producer: Vila Nova

Winemaker: Bernardo Lencastre

Country of Origin: Portugal

Region of Origin: Sousa (Entre-Douro-e-Minho)

Grapes: Alvarinho 100%

ABV: 12.5%

Closure Type: cork

