H.C. Vines

Azulejo Branco

Casa Santos Lima has been a family business for four generations and was founded by Joaquim Santos Lima who by the turn of 19th century was amongst the greatest producers and exporters of Portuguese wines. Since 1990, Jose Oliveira da Silva, the founder's great grandson assumed a full time commitment to wine activity. He replanted a big part of the vines and modernized all the production.

Casa Santos Lima owns a group of several estates covering an area of 280ha and is located in the Alenquer county, the most prestigious DOC appellation within the Lisboa (Estremadura) region. The vineyards produce excellent quality grapes and the wines have a unique regional character well known for the concentration of fruit and colour in the wines. These characteristics are possible not just due to the soil and climatic conditions but also because of the sustainable agriculture practised.

In 2012 Wine Spectator awarded Casa Santos Lima top award in its annual "Wineries for Value" from Portugal. Hugh Johnson has also recognised the producer: "Diverse, well-made range reflects extensive vineyards".

Extremely fresh and aromatic, with tropical and citrus fruit character. It is light-bodied, with fresh lemony and citric notes, fruity balance, excellent definition and fine acidity. A great wine for many occasions but it is a perfect lunchtime white wine with flavours distinct enough to partner many dishes but with less alcohol and fewer calories!

Producer: Casa Santos Lima

Winemaker: Jose Luis Santos Lima Oliveira da Silva

Country of Origin: Portugal

Region of Origin: Lisboa (Estremadura)

Grapes: Fernão Pires, Arinto, Moscatel and Vital

ABV: 9.5%

Closure Type: cork

