

Vila Nova Vinho Verde

Casa de Vila Nova is owned by the Lencastre family, of aristocratic Portuguese lineage (one of their ancestors became the first Baron of Varzea do Douro in the 1800s). 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!

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.

The grapes are harvested by hand in 20 kg boxes that are quickly transported to the winery where they are destemmed and soft pressed and temperature controlled fermentation.

Floral, citrus and gentle tropical aromas lead on to a palate with sherbet lemon acidity, a touch of mango and a bright mineral finish. Great as an aperitif - or serve with salads, sushi and grilled fish.

Producer: Vila Nova

Winemaker: Antonio Sousa

Country of origin: Portugal

Region of Origin: DOC Vinho Verde

Grapes: Loureiro, Avesso, Arinto

ABV: 11.5%

Closure type: cork



