

# Quinta do Pinto 2020 Vinhas do Lasso Colheita Seleccionada White

WineWise Code	PQP-VLB20
Country	Portugal
Region	Lisbon
Color/Style	White
Farming Practices	Sustainable
Varieties	Arinto (40%), Fernão Pires (60%)
ABV	13
Residual Sugar	2.3
Acidity	6.2
Closure	Natural Cork
Case Size	12x750
Pricing	Discountable
Pumpover/Punchdown	pumpover
Destemming	yes
Fermentation Vessel	concrete deposit
Filtered	Yes
Yeast	Indegenous
Lees Contact/Stirring	lees contact
Malolactic	No
Added Sulfur	Yes
Soil Type	clay, limestone
Elevation (meters)	155
Vine Age	15
Yields (hl/ha)	9 ton / he
Picking	Hand and machine
Annual Production	750 cases

## Notes from the producer:

LASSO is the surname of our grandmother and with this brand we want to pay a tribute to the woman in our family, as we are quite a matriarchal family! The Lasso white is the typical Lisbon blend joining the acidity and the structure of the Arinto with the flowery and fruity side of Fernao Pires - they are like the ying & yang of the wines!

Careful management of vegetation to optimize the potential of grapes varieties. Destemming followed by cold maceration of the Fernão Pires for 12 hours prior to crushing. ( Arinto not macerated). the must was clarified in cold for 48-72 h by natural settling in refrigerated vats. Fermentation in cement tanks, using only indigenous yeast, with controlled temperature at 15- 16 °C



## WineWise Notes:

The synergy between these two grapes is akin to that of Semillon and Sauvignon. Arinto provides the fruit and substance, while Fernão Pires, with its Muscat-like qualities, supplies aromatic lift and nervosity. The end result here is a simply impeccable mid-weight wine that sports lovely freshness, an enticing oriental spice nose, perfect texture and excellent acidity.

Rather as Vienna's wines are something of an afterthought to many in an Austrian context, so do the wines of Portugal's capital, Lisbon, suffer occlusion from the bigger shadow thrown by the Douro, Dão and Vinho Verde. But, there are no fewer than ten sub-districts to this region and they offer an impressive variety of wines, from the commanding age-worthy reds of Colhares to the vivid wines of Alenquer.

We were immediately struck by the authenticity of the wines here, which so clearly matches that of its proprietors, sisters Rita and Ana Cardoso Pinto. The vineyards are planted to no fewer than 27 varieties, both autochthonous and international, in clay and limestone soils on gentle slopes that enjoy a southern exposure. The proximity to the Atlantic confers a cool lift that is most welcome. Production methods are integrated and all yeasts are native. As you can see, patience is a watchword at this estate, as it is with so many of our favorites.