

TERRA D'ALTER



Terra D'Alter Alentejo, Portugal



THEIR STORY:

Roquette and Borges families have been in the farming business in this area for years. In the late 19th century, grapes grown on the ridge of Boavista Vineyard produced a “strong” wine sold under the brand “Visconde de Alter”. The descendants of the 19th century vintners, Borges Family, decided to replant the vineyards, restarting the production of great wines.

PROPERTY HISTORY:

Terras de Alter was founded in 2004 as a joint venture between Sociedade Agrícola das Antas and Sociedade Agrícola do Monte Barrão, family firms with centuries of agricultural history in Alto Alentejo, in cooperation with Peter Bright, world renowned oenologist.



YEAR FOUNDED: 2004

OWNER: Roquette and Borges Family and Peter Bright

WINEMAKER: Peter Bright

ANNUAL PRODUCTION: 75,000 cases

WINERY LOCATION: Fronteira, Portugal

VINEYARD LOCATIONS: Alto Alentejo, Portugal



PETER BRIGHT:

As one of the world’s most experienced and well recognized wine makers, Peter Bright brings his talents to Terras de Alter as head winemaker and business partner. After studying oenology in his native Australia, Peter came to Portugal in 1981 to hone his craft. By 1993, he was known as one of Australia’s first ‘flying winemakers’, travelling first through Europe and then branching out to other continents.

He has been settled in Portugal for many years now and arguably has more experience of the country’s varied vineyards than anyone else, allied to a top-notch technical know-how. He liked the soils of this corner and planted his flag here, with a view to making good value, modern wines from indigenous varieties.



Quick Facts:

- Vineyard size 90 HA
- Winemaker Peter Bright focuses on indigenous varieties like Alfrocheiro, Alicante Bouschet and Arinto.
- Many Terra D'Alter wines are single-varietal allowing one to explore Portugal's most interesting varieties.
- One of Portugal's Southernmost winemaking regions where heat plays a large role in vinification.



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