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PORTUGAL

- ***Location*** : Atlantic Southwestern Coast of Europe
- ***Area***: 350 Miles Long and 135 Miles Wide
- ***Population*** : 10.3 Million
- ***Winemaking*** : Dates to 2000 BCE
- ***Climate*** : Atlantic, Continental, and Mediterranean
- ***Total Vineyard Area:*** 192,000 Ha (474,442 Acres)
- ***11th*** Largest Wine Producing Country
- ***9th*** Largest Wine Exporting Country
- ***2.7%*** Global Market Share Wine Sales

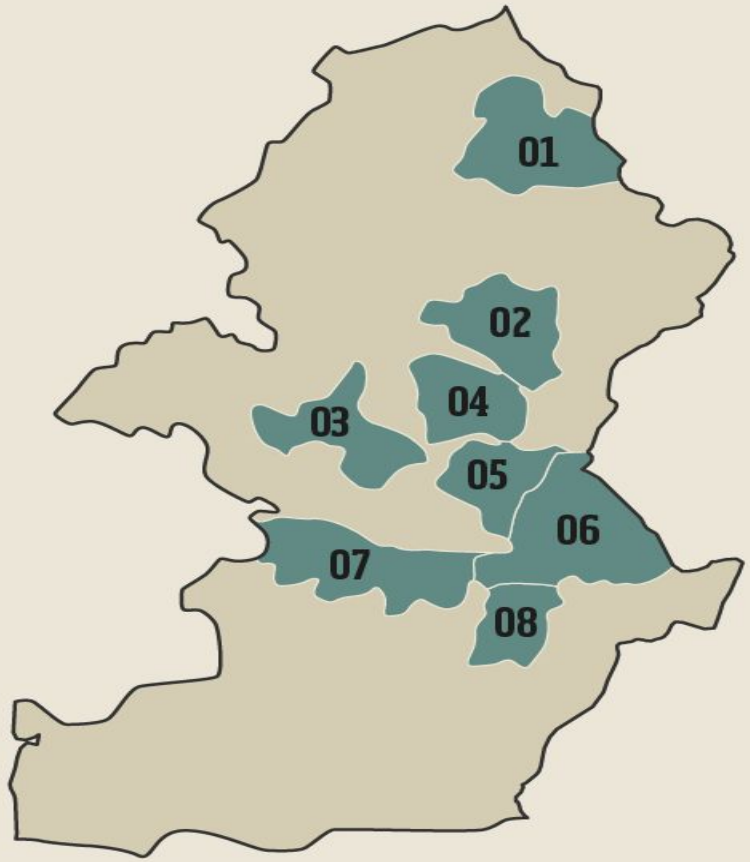
Wine is Produced in Every region of the Country

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ALENTEJO

- Pronounced “al-en-TAY-zhoo”
- The region of Alentejo covers 30% of Portugal
- “Alentejo” means “beyond the Tejo,” indicating its position south of the Tejo River
- The TOP Selling Wine Region Domestically
- The unofficial CORK CAPITAL of the world
- Romans, Moors, French and Celts occupied and influenced the Alentejo
- **Climate:** Continental, Mediterranean, and Atlantic influences depending on vineyard area. Growing season is hot and dry, though cooler in the northeast.
- **Geography:** Landscape is composed of wide rolling plains, the soils variate from clay, granite, chalk, schist, and marble
- **Key Varietals:**
- Reds – Aragonês, Trincadeira, Alicante Bouschet, Touriga Nacional.
- Whites – Antão Vaz, Arinto, Roupeiro

ALENTEJO DOC - *SUB-REGIONS*



01: PORTALEGRE
02: BORBA
03: ÉVORA
04: REDONDO
05: REGUENGOS
06: GRANJA-AMARELEJA
07: VIDIGUEIRA
08: MOURA

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Reguengos de Monsaraz , a subregion of Portugal's Alentejo, known for bold wines with warmth, rich dark fruit, and excellent value.





TERROIR

- The climate is Continental-Mediterranean, with low rainfall, high summer daytime temperatures, and a balanced temperature range before harvest.

- These slightly acidic, magnesian sedimentary loams vary in texture from sandy to clayey. While lacking in organic matter, they offer moderate fertility and reliable moisture retention

- In the heart of Reguengos de Monsaraz, wine transcends mere agriculture to become a living testament to heritage. For generations, local families have nurtured these vineyards, safeguarding ancient wisdom and a deep reverence for the land to pass on to the future.

- This terroir shapes authentic wines, which carry the essence of the region: depth, elegance, character, tradition, modernity.

LUIS DUARTE, WINEMAKER

With four decades of experience, Luís Duarte is one of Alentejo's most distinguished winemakers. He began his career at Herdade do Esporão, where he served as Production Director for 18 years, and today advises several of the region's most prestigious wineries while leading projects for others.

His excellence has been recognized repeatedly by the Portuguese technical press, which named him **Winemaker of the Year** in **1997, 2007, and 2014** . In 2010, he was also nominated for Best Winemaker by the German magazine *Der Feinschmecker* at its Wine Awards. In 2015, he was awarded the *Order of Business Merit*, *Class of Agricultural Merit*, by the President of Portugal, Aníbal Cavaco Silva.

Luís Duarte is also a member of the *Jurade de Saint-Émilion*, *Confraria do Vinho do Porto,* and *Confraria dos Enófilos do Alentejo*, a reflection of his enduring contribution to Portuguese wine culture.

Most recently, he was awarded the prestigious title of **"Legend of the Year"** by Master of Wine Tim Atkin.



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Alicante Bouschet

- **Alicante Bouschet** is a cornerstone of southern Portuguese winemaking, serving as the flagship red grape of the hot, arid Alentejo region where it consistently outperforms many of the country's native varieties.
- **Signature Regional Identity:** Though it originated as a French crossbreed, it found its true spiritual home in Portugal, transitioning over the last century from a minor blending component into Alentejo's definitive, premium flagship grape.
- **During Prohibition:** This variety dominated California vineyards because its thick skin and rich color survived long transit across the U.S.
- **Crucial Acid Retention:** It possesses a rare ability to retain natural acidity despite the intense, sun-drenched heat of southern Portugal, providing winemakers with vital freshness to balance out heavy, high-alcohol warm-climate reds.
- **Structural Backbone and Ageability:** It delivers massive tannic structure, power, and density to Portuguese wines, granting them an exceptional capacity for long-term cellar aging.
- **Versatility in Modern Production:** Modern Portuguese winemakers are



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Touriga Nacional

- **Touriga Nacional** is Portugal's premier native red grape, often dubbed the "crown jewel" of the country's vineyards.
- **Cabernet of Portugal** : It is the closest thing Portugal has to Cabernet Sauvignon. It is capable of producing full-bodied, age-worthy dry red wines with exceptional structure and dark-fruit flavors, it has elevated the global reputation of Portuguese table wines.
- **Distinctive Aromatics** : The grape is famous for its striking floral aromas, particularly violet and bergamot, which lift its powerful dark-fruit (blackberry, cassis) profile. This brings an unmistakable elegance and aromatic complexity to both blends and single-varietal wines.
- **Exceptional Aging Potential** : Thanks to its high natural acidity and firm tannins, Touriga Nacional wines possess incredible longevity. This age worthiness allows winemakers to craft premium wines that evolve beautifully over decades.
- **Versatility in Blending:** While it can stand brilliantly on its own as a single-varietal wine, its primary role is being the cornerstone of Portugal's



Aragonez

- **Aragonez** (also known as Tempranillo in Spain) is one of the most important red grape varieties in Portugal and a key variety in the Alentejo region, valued for its versatility and ability to express the unique character of the terroir.
- **A Noble and Adapted Variety:** Aragonez thrives in the hot, dry climate and schist and granite soils of Alentejo. It is a resilient grape that produces consistent yields and high-quality grapes, forming the backbone of many distinguished wines, from young and fruity to complex and age-worthy.
- **Distinctive Aromas and Flavors:** Aragonez is known for its vibrant red fruit aromas, especially ripe cherry, raspberry and strawberry, complemented by notes of plum and subtle spices. With aging, it develops elegant tertiary notes of tobacco, leather, vanilla and cured meats.
- **Structure and Balance:** Aragonez wines are characterized by their medium to full body, soft and velvety tannins, and balanced acidity. This profile makes the wines approachable in their youth, while also offering excellent aging potential.



Antão Vaz

- **Antão Vaz** is a premium white grape native to the Alentejo region, renowned for producing rich, elegant, and age-worthy wines.
- **Alentejo's Signature White:** Antão Vaz is one of the most emblematic varieties of Alentejo. It thrives in the region's hot, dry climate, giving wines that are full-bodied yet balanced, with excellent concentration and freshness.
- **Distinctive Aromatics:** This grape is known for its intense and complex aromas of ripe stone fruits (apricot, peach), citrus zest, white flowers, and subtle notes of honey and almonds. A vibrant, mineral freshness perfectly balances the aromatic richness.
- **Exceptional Aging Potential:** Thanks to its structure, natural acidity, and phenolic richness, Antão Vaz has outstanding aging potential. Over time, it develops beautiful complexity with notes of dried fruits, honey, nuts, and a distinctive flinty character.
- **Versatility and Depth:** Antão Vaz can be vinified in a variety of styles, from fresh and aromatic to complex and barrel-aged whites. It is often blended to add body, texture, and aromatic depth, elevating the overall quality and



Arinto

- **Arinto** is Portugal's flagship white grape, widely regarded as the country's most important indigenous white variety
- **The Backbone of Portuguese Whites** : Arinto is the key to Portugal's most distinctive white wines. It produces wines with vibrant acidity, crisp freshness, and remarkable aging potential.
- **Distinctive Aromatics** : Arinto is known for its intense citrus and mineral aromas, with hints of lime, green apple, white flowers, and a subtle salty edge. This aromatic profile gives wines a sense of purity, finesse, and elegance.
- **Exceptional Aging Potential** : Thanks to its naturally high acidity and structure, Arinto develops beautifully over time. With bottle age, it evolves towards complex notes of stone fruit, honey, and flint, delivering depth and sophistication.
- **Versatility and Balance:** Arinto can produce a wide range of styles, from fresh, zesty, unoaked wines to complex, barrel-aged whites. It is often blended to add acidity and backbone, elevating the overall balance and longevity of the wine.





Wines of Alentejo Sustainability Program (WASP)

Wine production is totally dependent on natural resources: solar energy, appropriate weather conditions, clean drinking water and healthy soils. These elements should be successfully integrated in an environmentally responsible way. The Alentejo Regional Wine Growing Commission considers that protection and enhancement of these natural resources through sustainable practices performed by a well-trained and highly skilled work force is a priority.

RUBRICA

The Signature of Portuguese Excellence



- ***Rubrica*** **-** comes from the Latin *rubrica*, historically used to describe a signature or a mark.

- After decades of shaping Alentejo wines, Rubrica became the **personal signature of Luís Duarte** .

- Rubrica expresses the elegance, depth, and modern identity of Alentejo through wines crafted with precision, character, and authenticity.

- Rubrica achieved the remarkable distinction of being ranked #2 in Wine Enthusiast's Top 100 Wines of the World, placing it among the finest wines internationally.




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Rubrica White 2024

VITICULTURE

Soil: Granitic in nature, transitioning to schist, with a loam-clay structure.

Varieties: Antão Vaz 43%, Verdelho 36%, Viognier 21%

WINEMAKING

After rigorous selection of grapes in the vineyard and a second sorting at the winery entrance, the grapes were gently pressed. The must underwent cold decantation for 48 hours, fermenting partly in French oak barrels (new and used) and partly in stainless steel vats at low temperatures. After fermentation, the wine aged for six months in these vessels, with fortnightly bâtonnage, gaining complexity, volume, and elegance.

ANALYTICAL DATA

13.0% ABV | Total Acidity 5.7 g/L | pH: 3.28 | Residual Sugar: 0.8 g/L

TASTING NOTE

On the nose, it is expressive and complex, suggesting fresh white-fleshed fruits accompanied by intense floral notes. On the palate, it reveals vibrant freshness, excellent acidity, a velvety texture, and balanced volume. The finish is long, fresh, and persistent, with reminiscences of white fruit and refined minerality.

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Rubrica Red 2024

VITICULTURE

Soil: Granitic in nature, transitioning to schist, with a loam-clay structure.

Varieties: Alicante Bouschet 38%, Touriga Nacional 27%, Aragonez 20%, Syrah 8%, Petit Verdot 7%

WINEMAKING

Grapes were hand-harvested in 15 kg boxes and rigorously selected at the winery. Each variety was vinified separately in stainless steel lagares at controlled temperatures (25–28 °C). Malolactic fermentation was followed by ageing for 12 months in new French oak barrels, conferring complexity and elegance to the wine.

ANALYTICAL DATA

14.0% ABV | Total Acidity 5.6 g/L | pH: 3.72 | Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/L

TASTING NOTE

With an intense and brilliant ruby colour, it reveals a bouquet of concentrated black fruit, spices, and freshness. On the palate, it shows firm structure, refined tannins, and vibrant acidity, culminating in a long, elegant, and memorable finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with red meats, intense Mediterranean specialities, and aged cheeses.

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Rubrica AUTOGRAPH Red 2022

VITICULTURE

Soil: Granitic in nature, transitioning to schist, with a loam-clay structure.

Varieties: Alicante Bouschet 54%, Touriga Nacional 46%

WINEMAKING

Grapes were manually harvested and transported in 15 kg boxes. After careful selection, they were partially destemmed and gently crushed. Fermentation took place in small stainless steel lagares under temperature control (24–26 °C). This was followed by malolactic fermentation and 12 months of ageing in French oak barrels, both new and of second and third use.

ANALYTICAL DATA

14.0% ABV | Total Acidity 5.8 g/L | pH: 3.74 | Residual Sugar: 0.6 g/L

TASTING NOTE

With an intense ruby colour, it reveals a sophisticated bouquet of concentrated black fruit, spices, and freshness. On the palate, it shows firm structure, refined tannins, and vibrant acidity, culminating in a long, elegant, and memorable finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with red meats, game dishes, and aged cheeses.

RAPARIGA DA QUINTA

The Soul of Alentejo



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This wine was developed with our dear friend and partner **Licínio Dias** , one of Brazil's most influential wine importers and enogastronomy pioneers, owner of Épice, our partner in Brazil, and it has been a growing success since its creation in 2004.



Rapariga da Quinta ("***Farm Girl*** ") is a famous linguistic double entendre because the word "rapariga" has completely opposite meanings in Portugal and Brazil.

Produced by winemaker **Luís Duarte** in the Alentejo region of Portugal, the name translates to a highly innocent concept locally, but transforms into an accidental, provocative joke across the Atlantic.

Rapariga da Quinta was born to bring the **Spirit and Soul of Alentejo** to international consumers through modern, approachable wines with strong value-to-quality positioning.

RAPARIGA DA QUINTA



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Rapariga Da Quinta Colheita Selecionada White 2025

VITICULTURE

Soil: Granitic in nature, transitioning to schist, with a loam-clay structure.

Varieties: Antão Vaz 53%, Arinto 26%, Verdelho 21%

WINEMAKING

The bunches were harvested and underwent an initial selection in the vineyard, followed by a second sorting at the winery entrance. The grapes were then pressed in a pneumatic press. After pressing, the must was left to decant for 48 hours at low temperature. Subsequently, it was transferred, inoculated with selected yeasts, and fermented in stainless steel vats under strict temperature control.

ANALYTICAL DATA

12.5% ABV | Total Acidity 5.3 g/L | pH: 3.41 | Residual Sugar: 0.40 g/L

TASTING NOTE

Bright yellow, with delicate tropical-fruit, melon, and green-apple aromas. The nose reveals fresh fruit, herbs, and vibrant citrus, while the palate impresses with refreshing acidity, good volume, a balanced structure, and a fresh finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with seafood, pasta dishes, white meats, and mild cheeses.

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Rapariga Da Quinta Colheita Selecionada Red 2025

VITICULTURE

Soil: Granitic in nature, transitioning to schist, with a loam-clay structure.

Varieties: Aragonez 53%, Touriga Nacional 36%, and Cabernet Sauvignon 11%

WINEMAKING

The vinification process began with gentle pressing of destemmed grapes, followed by fermentation in stainless steel vats at strictly regulated temperatures. Following fermentation, the wine benefited from contact with fine lees to develop volume. The final stage involved six months of ageing in second-use 300L French oak barrels, ensuring a harmonious balance between fruit and wood.

ANALYTICAL DATA

13.5% ABV | Total Acidity 5.2 g/L | pH: 3.62 | Residual Sugar: 0.5 g/L

TASTING NOTE

Intense violet with a nose of red fruits and spices. On the palate, it focuses on pure fruit with a medium body and soft tannins built for ageing. The texture is velvety with balanced acidity, leading to a savory, cappuccino-noted finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with traditional Mediterranean cuisine, meat dishes, and pasta with rich sauces.

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Rapariga Da Quinta Reserva Red 2024

VITICULTURE

Soil: Granitic in nature, transitioning to schist, with a loam-clay structure.

Varieties: Aragonez 49%, Alicante Bouschet 43% and Cabernet Sauvignon 8%

WINEMAKING

Vinified in stainless steel lagares with temperature control, without stems. Malolactic fermentation occurs partly in stainless steel and partly in French oak barrels. The wine then ages for 12 months in 500 L new and used French oak barrels.

ANALYTICAL DATA

14.0% ABV | Total Acidity 5.6 g/L | pH: 3.60 | Residual Sugar: 0.9 g/L

TASTING NOTE

Deep red color with ruby-violet highlights. On the nose, ripe fruits such as cherry, plum, and currant stand out, integrated with notes of spices, vanilla, and leather, providing great complexity. On the palate, it is full-bodied and balanced, with smooth, velvety tannins in perfect harmony with the fruit, leading to a long, intense, and elegant finish.

FOOD PAIRING

Ideal with traditional Mediterranean cuisine, meat dishes, and aged cheeses.

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