

FACT SHEET

VARIETIES

Arinto dos Açores (>85%), Verdelho, Alicante Branco and Bual.

ALCOHOL: 13,0% Vol.

CONCEPT

On this island, for more than 500 years, vines are planted in the rock cracks, a few meters from the ocean, where one can hear the "crabs singing". After phylloxera and oidium's devastating attack in the XIX century, the stubborn Pico's Man maintained a small pocket of vineyards that resisted to extinction. This "Vinha Centenária" it's from one of those vineyards with more than 100 years that are guardian of the Azores exclusive grape varieties and the traditional vineyards composition.

ORIGIN

D. O. Pico.

PRODUCTION

1 333 bottles of 0,75L released in April 2023.

TASTING NOTES

Yellow citrus-straw color, iodine flavor, salt, linden. In the mouth concentrated dense attack, acidity cuts in the middle and stays until the end of the taste, salt, salt, salt and iodine, is a "slap" of sea.

FOOD PAIRING

A wine born in the sea, ready to pairing with shellfish, and iodine fishes, but with a density and concentration to pairing also with white meat of burned fat, like a good Suckling pig or even a belly of pork.



SOILS

The soils are solid lava stone formed 1500 to 2000 years ago.

VITICULTURE

Dominating Arinto dos Açores, aged between 100 to 120 years old, the vineyards are under Organic farming. The vines are planted between the cracks of the rocks in Criação Velha, grown close to the ground and protected by walls of rocks (currais) from the strong and salty ocean winds. The vineyard is 560m away from the ocean.

WINEMAKING

Grapes hand-picked, sorting table, direct press, cold decantation 12h, first presses vinified in horizontal stainless steel vats (70%), 2nd presses fermented in used French oak barrels of 3 years age (30%), without batonnage for 15 months.

STORAGE AND SERVICE

Store at 6°C, served at 10°C to drink at 12°C.

ANALYSES

Sulphites: 50< SO₂ <70 mg/L
(biologic/organic standards <100 mg/L; demeter standards <70mg/L).

WINEMAKER: ANTÓNIO MAÇANITA

RATINGS & REVIEWS

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