

## VINHO VERDE BASTO

### CASA DO VALLE



**OVERVIEW** | Casa do Valle, property of the Sousa Botelho family, is near the legendary Cavez Bridge, a place often mentioned in the work of the famous portuguese 19th century writer Camilo Castelo Branco, and spreads out, protected by the mountain ranges of Barroso and Alvão, along the hillsides of the river Tâmega.

**VINEYARD AREA:** 55 hectares

**ANNUAL PRODUCTION:** 4,000 cases

**SOIL TYPES:** sandstone, limestone, clay

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** azal, arinto, loureiro, vinhão, & rabo de ovelha

The excellent exposure of the vines in this property, located in the Basto sub-region, along with a careful selection of grape varieties and winemaking processes, originates wines of recognized quality.

With a total area of 170 ha, of which 55 ha are under vines, Casa do Valle is one of the largest production Quintas in the Vinho Verde Region, using exclusively grapes produced in the property.

The noble grape varieties used for the white wines are the Azal, Arinto, Loureiro and Alvarinho. For red and rosé wines the grape varieties are the Vinhão, the most important red grape variety of the Vinho Verde Region, the Rabo de Ovelha and Sousão.

The first bottling of the brand “Casa do Valle” was in 1989, a white blend of Azal and Arinto and the red wine with Vinhão and Rabo de Ovelha. In 1992 we bottled the first Rosé wine in the Vinho Verde Region with the geographical designation of “Vinho Regional Minho.” Since 1999, they have been bottling varietal wines like Azal, Arinto, Loureiro and Vinhão.

Casa do Valle began exporting wines in the early 90’s. The first destination was France but, nowadays, we export to Belgium, Canada, France, Germany, Japan, Poland, Spain, United Kingdom, United States, amongst others.

**VINEYARD/CELLAR PRACTICES** | Winemaking here goes back to the 18th century, with the contrast between the “enforcado” ( vines going up trees ) and “ramada” (trellis) systems for the red grapes and the modern single wire system, still used till this day, for the white grapes.

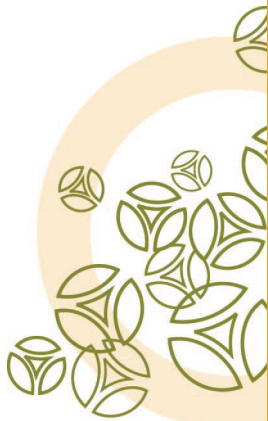
The Estate has two wineries. One has been set up in a restored 18th century house and is used for the white and rosé wines, fully equipped for modern winemaking, 250.000 liters of storage and bottling.

The second winery is used for the red wine, housed in another equally striking stone building where more traditional methods are employed. With a capacity of 150.000 liters, this facility also has a cooling and heating systems to control the alcoholic and malo-lactic fermentations.

This winery has 2 pneumatic presses, stainless steel tanks, cooling system for alcoholic fermentation and wine stabilization, bottling and labelling equipment and a quality control laboratory.

**WINES | Branco (Vinho Verde)** - Produced exclusively with white grapes (azal, arinto, & loureiro) produced in Casa do Valle’s property, this dry white wine presents a bright, pale straw colour, a citric and tropical fruits aroma. It’s a very fresh and elegant wine with a long and appellative finish.

**Vinho Regional Minho Rosé** - Produced exclusively with red grapes (vinhão & rabo de ovelha) from Casa do Valle’s vineyards, this rose presents a vivid pink colour, a fruity aroma with strawberry accents, it has a good balanced fruity palate which is light, fresh with some residual sweetness and full of charm.



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