

## Quinta do Pinto 2014 Estate Collection Red

WineWise Code	PQP-ECT14
Country	Portugal
Region	Lisbon
Color	Red
Alcohol by Volume	14.5
Acidity	5.8
Residual Sugar	0.7
Closure	cork
Varieties	Syrah (30%), Aragones (27%) Touriga Nacional (20%) Cabrenet sauvignon (13%) Tinta Miuda (10%)
Maceration Notes	Careful vine management to enhance all the fruit potential. Handpicked grapes into 20 Kg cases followed by a exhausted selection of bunches in the cellar. Temperature controlled alcoholic fermentation in concrete deposits using only indigenous yeast, during 14 days, followed by malolactic fermentation.
Pumpover or Punchdown?	pumpover
Destemming	total destemming
Fermentation vessel	cement deposit
Aging method	The Aragonez, cabernet sauvignon and the syrah aged in oak in second and third year French oak barrels.
Yeast	indigenous
Malolactic	yes
Added Sulfur	yes
Vineyard Name	quinta do pinto
Soil Type(s)	clay limestone
Elevation (meters)	155
Vine age (years)	14 years
Vine Yields hl/ha	8.5 tons per ha
Farming practices	sustainable
Grape Picking	hand and machine

### 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!



### WineWise Notes:

This is another masterly exercise in the art of blending the Portuguese and French varieties. Given the known strength of voice of Syrah and Cabernet, it is a tribute to the quieter but stubborn qualities of the autochthonous varieties that they succeed in pulling them down into the harmony of the choir. At seven years of age, this has turned into a sleekly delicious wine of some class.

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.

