## Quinta do Pinto 2019 Vinhos do Lasso Colheita Selecionada White

PQP-VLB19
Portugal
Lisbon
White
13.5
7.2
< 1.5
cork
750
Arinto (40%), Fernão Pires (60%)
pumpover
yes
concrete deposit
yes
indigenous
lees contact
no
yes
quinta do pinto
clay limestone
155 mt
15 years
9 ton / he
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## 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:

The synergy between these two grapes is akin to that of Semillon and Sauvignon. Arinto provides the fruit and substance, while Fernão Pires, with its Muscat-like qualities, supplies aromatic lift and nervosity. The end result here is a simply impeccable mid-weight wine that sports lovely freshness, an enticing oriental spice nose, perfect texture and excellent acidity. This has a lighter touch than the inaugural 2018 vintage, without stinting in the fruit department.

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.

