

# LUIS PATO

(BAIRRADA, CURIA, BEIRAS REGION, CENTRAL PORTUGAL)

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WINEGROWER

Luis Pato wines are the result of the association of two traditional families from Bairrada, the Pato family and the Melo Campos family. At the Quinta do Ribeirinho (Ribeirinho Estate) the documents reveal a wine production since the 18th Century. Its activity of wine bottling began in the 1970s.

Affectionately known as the 'King of Bairrada', Luis Pato is the man who has done most to put this region on the modern winemaking map. He is one of Portugal's most controversial winemakers and is a serious player with 65 hectares in production. From 2006 his vineyards are devoted entirely to Portuguese varieties; all international varieties having uprooted. Pato's passion is the Baga grape, and he says his chalky clay soils are perfect for it. Other varieties like Touriga Nacional are grown on sandy soils, in a meticulously planned estate.

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## Vinho Espumante Casta Baga – Sparkling Rosé NV

CSPC# 725371

750mlx12

12.0% alc./vol.

### Grape Variety

100% Baga

**Winemaker** Luis Pato

**Vineyards** Grown in vineyards planted in chalky-clay soils with Baga grapes.

**Vinification/  
Maturation** Vinified through a slight pressure, in a vacuum press to obtain a juice yield that doesn't exceed 60%. It is followed by a fermentation in stainless steel vats. As the second fermentation occurs inside the bottle, the wine matures six to nine months on the lees before the necessary procedures to finish it, to reach the client in its best conditions.

**Tasting Notes** Luis Pato is an expert in sparkling wines. This rosé, made with the Baga grape variety, is surprising. It has an intense aroma, beautiful salmon color and is delicious in the mouth, very dry and refreshing, with a sophisticated touch of fermentation notes. A different choice and full of charm.

**Serve with** What a fun wine! Perfect for pizza parties or BBQs, this food friendly sparker shows a beautiful light ruby color in the glass. With an abundance of fine bubbles, it shows notes of red plums, black cherries, and pomegranate with subtler elements of orange peel, coffee and dried herbs. Robust and flavorful, yet refreshing and easy to like, this is a value sparkler perfect for celebrating on a weeknight!

**Scores/Awards** **90 points** - Robert Parker, Wine Advocate - 2013

