

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.

Vinhas Velhas White 2022

CSPC# 725367

750mlx12

12.5% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

50% Bical, 25% Cerceal, 25% Sercialinho

Winemaker

Luis Pato

Vineyards

Chalky clay (Bical) + Sandy (Cercial and Sercialinho). The average vine age is 40 years. Of the 60 hectares of vineyards that the Pato family owns, Luis Pato Vinhas Velhas Branco is made with a mixture of three native varieties. These strains have an average age of 15 years old. The Bical variety grows in clay-calcareous soil and the Cerceal and the Sercialinho grown in sandy soils. The team uses environmentally friendly agriculture, and the harvest is carried out manually when the grapes reach optimum ripeness.

Vinification/ Maturation

This wine is a lot of Bical (50%) on chalky-clay soil, Cerceal (25%) and Sercialinho (25%) on sandy soil. In the winery, the Luis Pato Vinhas Velhas Branco grapes are destemmed and gently pressed. The must then ferments in stainless steel tanks for 4 months. Finally, it ages on lees and undergoes malolactic fermentation in new 650-litre Allier French oak barrels for 6 months.

Tasting Notes

The Luis Pato Vinhas Velhas White wine bears the signature of the winemaker Luis Pato, one of the biggest names in viticulture in Portugal. Made with a cut of Bical, Cerceal and Sercialinho grapes, from old vines located in the Bairrada wine region. A blend of Bical, Cerceal and Sercialinho from old vines, aromas of citrus lemons and grapefruit, dry and medium bodied with mineral undertones and mouth watering acidity on the long finish. This is a label that can be enjoyed now, but it has great storage potential and can age in the bottle for up to a decade.

Serve with

Great with chicken, fish, and shellfish. Also, great with Asian foods, cured and smoked meats, and light starters, grilled vegetables, and salads.

Cellaring

Drink 2023-2029

Reviews

"What is important is how it tastes. It's honeyed, and feels rich, but it also has great balancing freshness, and isn't heavy at all, it hasn't been oak aged, it weighs in at only 12.5%. The cooling Atlantic helps cool the temperatures in this region, allowing the freshness and drinkability to come forward.

This wine is lovely now, but is built to last, we have tried examples more than 15 years old. A great match to our cod supper."

- Butler's Wine Cellar

"Soft Portuguese white with aromas of honey suckle and beeswax. On the palate, honeyed stone fruit and minerality with a green streak running throughout."

- Wadebridge Wines

