



PAST VINTAGES

Vinha Pan 2017

CSPC# 789263

750mlx6

13.0% alc./vol.

Grape Variety	100% Baga
Vineyards	Luis Pato Vinha Pan comes from old vines planted in clay and limestone soils, in the town of Panasqueira (Castelo Branco). This is a south-facing slope cultivated using environmentally friendly agriculture with the harvest carried out manually at the optimal point of ripeness.
Fermentation/ Maturation	When the Luis Pato Vinha Pan grapes are harvested, they undergo hyperoxygenation as an alternative to adding sulphates. The wine then ferments at a controlled temperature and finally ages in 500-litre oak barrels. Before it is bottled, the wine is clarified and filtered.
Tasting Notes	Youthful and fresh, with firm tannins and refreshing acidity, blackcurrants and some tobacco, leather, minerals, and long-quenching and fresh finish, Fixed and harsh tannins today, but with great balance and a long, delicious aftertaste.
Serve with	To be dished up with duck, wild boar, and red meats. It should be served at a temperature of 16°C to 18°C.
Cellaring	A Burgundian style wine with good acidity. Made with this winery's star variety, Luis Pato Vinha Pan is a 100% Baga red wine that is pleasant, fruity and juicy, and will develop well in the bottle for over 15 years.
Drink	2021-2037
Scores/Awards	92 points - Mark Squires, eRobertParker.com - April 2021 18.5 points - Vinho Grandes Escolhas 2021 18 points - Nuno Guedes Vaz Pires, Revista de Vinhos 2021
Reviews	<p><i>"The 2017 Vinha Pan is a Baga aged for 24 months in 60% new French oak. It comes in at 13.6% alcohol. If you're wondering why to trade up from the silky and elegant Vinhas Velhas to this, there is a reason. The trade-up seems worth the extra bucks, but that's up to you. This is much deeper and more tightly wound, better structured overall and firmer on the finish. This graceful Baga will age better as well. It is not, to be sure, quite as pure, thanks to the extra wood, but it shows the ability to pull the wood in. In short, this is a beauty that should continue to improve for the next several years. It will continue to separate from the Vinhas Velhas while it does so, either by that going down or this going up—or, some combination of the two. That said, this is still understated and elegant, and is also a perfect food wine. It is very approachable now, but it should also be at least a 20-year wine if you want to cellar it. Luis Pato is a master of Baga by reputation. The winery proves that reputation is valid this report, once again."</i></p> <p>- MS, eRobertParker.com</p> <p><i>"Mid red colour. Aroma licorice with hints of fruit tanginess. Licorice with minerals on palate. Quite long finish of berries."</i></p> <p>- Vinho Grandes Escolhas</p> <p><i>"Making Baga elegant is possible, as shown by this wine with a little concentrated color and a complex and refined nose, with many mineral notes, spices, and wild blackberries. Fragrant, super balanced, delicious."</i></p> <p>- Revista de Vinhos</p>





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**Fermentation/
Maturation**

Wine from the Baga grape grown on chalky-clay soil in a place called Panasqueira, in a hillside turned to south, where at the end of August was made a harvest of precision of 70% to the production of the Sparkling Baga. The second harvest (to this wine) was made at the end of September, what gave the wine an unusual concentration when compared with other wines from the same grape.

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Tasting Notes

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**Winemaker's
notes**

Deep purple. Complex nose of red fruits, cedar wood and a hint of eucalyptus. Intense and fresh on the palate, with a rounded sweetness of red fruits. Still tight tannins. Juicy, concentrated, and silky.

Serve with

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Cellaring

A Burgundian style wine with good acidity. A complex wine that can be developed for at least 15 years.

Drink

2018-2034

Scores/Awards

18.5 points - Vinho Grandes Escolhas 2021

18 points - Nuno Guedes Vaz Pires, Revista de Vinhos 2021

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"This wine has always been a favourite and Luis Pato is the master of all things Bairrada and the Baga grape variety. Here in this single vineyard this Baga shows how similar to nebbiolo it can be with its aromas of dusty leather, autumn leaves, dried fig and a hint of potpourri. The palate is big and structured with sappy tannins and freshness, which support the notes of dried berries, cacao nibs and dried cherries. Partner this with the classic roasted suckling pig from the region and you have a match made in heaven."

- The Whiskey Exchange





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Vinha Pan 2013

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Fermentation/ Maturation	Fermentation: Stainless Steel (2 weeks) Maturation: Allier Oak / new and used casks 500-650l /24 months Stabilization: Non filtered. With age can present deposit.
Tasting Notes	Dark purple in colour, with a royal purple fringe. Red currents, light game, pepper, and spice, minerally and earthy. In the mouth the wine is very refined, but powerful. Great balance and structure, you can see the potential for this to age, but it's great drinking now. On the palate, it's full of mulberry, mocha coffee, with a slight raisin character.
Serve with	To be dished up with duck and red meats.
Cellaring	A Burgundian style wine with good acidity. It will age for 15 or 20 years.
Drink	2018-2033
Scores/Awards	Review Only - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - May 14, 2016 88-89 points - Mark Squires, Wine Advocate #227 - October 28, 2016 Review only - thewinedetective.com.uk - September 21, 2016 - March 2008
Reviews	<i>"This single vineyard Baga comes from 35-year-old vines from Pato's Panasqueira vineyard on chalky clay soil. My review of the 2013 Vinhas Velhas Tinto flagged the relative lightness of this year owing to rainfall during harvest. It is evident in this single vineyard cuvée too, although Pan 2013 is more concentrated and complex than Vinhas Velhas Tinto 2013. The trade off is plenty of upfront expression. A fragrant nose has enticing pine needle lift with orange peel, blue smoke, and liquorice as it opens up. Fleshy, sweet round fruit – red cherry and succulent blood plum – creates an overall impression of delicate fruit sweetness though, with its sooty tannins and mineral acidity, the finish is gently chalky, smoky, and dry. Not the structure or depth of top years (look for a five in the year, says Pato), but it's a lovely Baga, nonetheless. 13%"</i> - thewinedetective.com.uk <i>"Light in colour and closer to Pinot Noir. Chalky. Gentle garnet colour. More red fruited Pinot on the nose - beautifully fragrant. Gentle but still Baga tannins and perfumed on the palate too. Very fresh. Intense red fruit, a little peppery, and fine-boned texture, chalky and dry but so fresh."</i> - JH, JancisRobinson.com <i>"The 2013 Vinha Pan is a Baga barrel sample. Laced with eucalyptus nuances, this is enlivening on the nose, but it doesn't have much body. Lighter in style, from a tricky vintage, this seems just a bit underwhelming at the moment. Perhaps it will put on some weight by the time it hits the market."</i> - MS, Wine Advocate





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Vinha Pan 2005

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Winemaker

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Cellaring

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Scores/Awards

94 points - Jamie Goode, wineanorak.com - March 2008

17.5 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - April 2012

90 points - Mark Squires, *Wine Advocate* #227 - October 28, 2016

86+ points - Mark Squires, *Wine Advocate* #177 - July 28, 2008

"Brooding, focused nose is dark, spicy and elegant with black cherry and black fruits. Incredibly tight and complex. The palate is open and expressive with elegant dark fruits, good acidity and a lovely fine yet grippy tannic structure. Wonderful stuff for long ageing."

- JG, Wineanorak.com

"31-year-old vineyard. Luis Pato's best vintage up to 2009. Pure Baga. This was the first year he did not do a green harvest because he started to use the less ripe fruit for the sparkling Informal – a green harvest with a purpose. Deep crimson. Complex nose of red fruit and cedary and just a hint of eucalyptus. On the palate, dry and fresh but with a rounded sweetness of red fruit even though the tannins counteract the sweetness. Juicy and so fresh. Concentrated and silky even though the tannins are still so present. (JH) 13%"

- JH, JancisRobinson.com

The 2005 Vinha Pan is a Baga, from the Beiras regional appellation, that is part of our oldies theme this issue. This is not as old as some and has been previously seen, but it is doing well, exceeding expectations and it is good to check in. This was a wine I wanted to see again--it had potential, but it there was a lot of estimating involved in that. Fresh and perky now, with lively acidity that has been far better integrated into the whole, this shows very tasty fruit, tension on the finish and lingering flavors. It is lighter styled, not the most concentrated Vinha Pan, but it has blossomed and evolved beautifully, changing from a tart and charmless red into something enlivening, enticing and open.

For this issue, Luis Pato provides a slew of older wines showing how well Baga ages--but we are also capping that off with the new vintages and even some barrel samples. I even got a look at the upcoming 2015s, which promises to be a very fine vintage, including a Pe Franco on chalky soil. The regular (sandy soil) and new bottling look to have tons of potential, but stay tuned. I'm not publishing





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Reviews *reviews on those yet as they are just a bit too far away and I'd like to see them again with more bottle time. As far as other old vines go, we also have some of Pato's Vinha Barrosa from centenary vines. This is a Baga, although there may be some scattered white grapes in the field blend (around 1%, Pato said). It's a rather good value point in the lineup--high quality, a lot cheaper than Pe Franco.*
- MS, Wine Advocate

"The 2005 VINHA PAN is nicely textured, but rather tart at the moment, with mouth watering acidity and a sour cherry finish that was hard to warm up to. The supporting tannins are somewhat drying at the moment, but should integrate nicely into the wine with time. The texture is appealing, and there is solid fruit underneath, but this will need some patience for it to come into some semblance of balance. Nine hours of decanting did not make it charming, but it did make it drinkable. Drink 2010-2020. Luis Pato, the lucky duck of Beiras ("Pato" means duck in Portuguese and there are often ducks displayed around Pato and on his wine labels), is widely considered a dominant force in his region, a winemaker who, when the weather cooperates in his difficult region, can tame the difficult Baga grape with which he works. His wines these days often have a refined elegance rather than rustic astringency, but they retain that very bright Baga acidity"
- MS, Wine Advocate



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Winemaker

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Serve with

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Cellaring

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Vinha Pan 2003

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Winemaker

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Scores/Awards

87 points - Mark Squires, Wine Advocate #177 - June 2008

18 points - Jancis Robinson, JancisRobinson.com - November 9, 2005

17.5 points - Julia Harding, JancisRobinson.com - August 25, 2009

Reviews

"The 2003 VINHA PAN, from a ripe and warm vintage, is bright and succulent, with gamey notes on the wine that not everyone will appreciate. There is a nod to Cote Rotie here, perhaps, as the barnyard and the acidity combine to coat the palate. I rather liked this nonetheless, as its grip and penetration on the finish were very good. Its lively demeanor made the wine vibrant, and there is enough flesh to the fruit to balance out the acidity and gamey notes. Tannins emerge with air, and provide support for this wine. It should age gracefully. It will always be on the bright side. Drink now-2017."

- MS, Wine Advocate

"Warm, ripe nose and very friendly. This was apparently green harvested. It tastes very alcoholic and has some pretty dry tannins on the finish but is chock full of damson flavour and appeal. Rich and friendly. Much readier than some earlier vintages of this wine. Drink 2008-2016."

- JR, JancisRobinson.com

"Baga. Crop reduced by 50% at green harvest. The influence of the neighbouring eucalyptus trees is more noticeable here. Dry, smooth and elegant with a touch of undergrowth beginning to show. Complex, firm and fresh. Drink 2008-2015."

- JH, JancisRobinson.com

