## **LUIS PATO**





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.

## Vinho Espumante Maria Gomes – Sparkling White NV

CSPC# 725370 750mlx12 12.6% alc./vol.

**Grape Variety** 100% Maria Gomes

Winemaker Luis Pato

Vineyards Grown in vineyards planted in sandy soil.

Harvest Maria Gomes grape variety is one of the main white grape varieties from Bairrada. Every

year, between the middle and the end of August, we pick up for sparkling wine to get high levels of acidity; the second picking is made two weeks later, to the production of

the white wine.

Vinification/ Fermented in separate stainless steel vats under control temperature for 15 days. The

Maturation second fermentation was completed in the bottle to keep the flavour of flowers and fruits

from the main grape. Aged 5 months in the bottle. Before reléase.

**Tasting Notes** This Portuguese sparkler is made from the obscure Maria Gomes grape by one of the

country's top wine-makers, Luis Pato. The result is a fresh with lovely, sweet-floral fruits on the nose, and a touch of toasty and biscuit character. Dry on the palate, but not too

Brut, it is packed with apple, fresh lemon, white plum, and white flowers.

**Serve with** It is a summer wine but also of conviviality.

Serve with White meat, Fish & vegetables.

Serve at 10°C

Bottled 2022

