

# LUIS PATO

(BAIRRADA, CURIA, BEIRAS REGION, CENTRAL PORTUGAL)

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*Luis Pato*  
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. Luis now shares winemaking duties with his daughter, Filipa.

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## Vinhas Velhas Red 2023

CSPC# 770059

750mlx12

13.0% alc./vol.

### Grape Variety

100% Baga.

**Winemaker** Luis & Filipa Pato

**Sustainability** Biodynamic

**Vineyards** Grown in chalky-clay soils on vines with an average age of forty years.

**Harvest** In the end of August, it was made a first harvest, to produce sparkling Wine from the same grapes, of about 60%, to increase the concentration and anticipate the maturation of the grapes left in the vine to harvest in the end of September to produce this Vinhas Velhas.

**Vinification/  
Maturation** Vinified in stainless steel vats for ten days, it was matured in used casks (650 litres of capacity) for fifteen months.

**Tasting Notes** Intense, very smoky on the nose. Very well done with a beginning, middle and end. Delicate with good fruit and acidity. Good balance and apparent potential for aging. Longo. More complex than most.

**Serve with** To be dished up with gamey meats as well as others red meat dishes.

**Cellaring** This delicious wine is dense and structured with good acidity: should age well. It will last more than fifteen years.

