

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 2024

CSPC# 725367

750mlx12

12.50% alc./vol.

Grape Variety

50% Bical, 25% Cerceal, 25% Sercialinho.

Winemaker

Luis Pato

Sustainability

Biodynamic

Vineyards

Chalky clay (Bical) + Sandy (Cerical and Sercialinho). The average age of vines are 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 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

Aged for 4 months in stainless steel with temperature control (2 weeks).

Luis Pato Vinhas Velhas Branco is a wine with aromas of black plum, pears, white flowers, apples and toasted almonds. With an elegant finish of pine, resin and dark chocolate. Produced from three grape varieties – Bical, Cerical and Sercialinho – this wine represents the typical character of a white wine from Bairrada.

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

Scores/Awards

94 points - James Suckling - November 2025

Reviews

"Fennel and subtle limes on the nose of this positively austere wine. The palate is incisive and medium- to full-bodied, showing good concentration and freshness that borders on saline. A blend of bical, cerical and sercialinho. Drink now or hold."

- JS, JamesSuckling.com

