



## Quinta de Romeira

- 100% Arinto

Great feel of minerality and firm volume wrapped in soft acidity with a persistent delicate freshness.

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## Arinto

Arinto is such a versatile variety that has spread through most of Portugal, taking on quite disparate names depending on the region. These include Pedernã, Pé de Perdiz Branco (*White Partridge Foot*), Chapeludao, Cerceal, Azal Espanhol, Azal Galego and Branco Espanhol (*Spanish White*)! It produces fresh, tense and vibrant wines with high natural acidity and marked mineral profile with good ageing potential. Unyielding acidity is Arinto's calling card, and it is precisely for that reason that it is described as being the Alentejo's best blending variety.

Arinto is most famed in the Bucelas region, where it is traditionally bottled as a varietal wine. It is quite resistant to all forms of rot which makes it a fine vine to plant in

dampish places like Bucelas and Vino Verde. But being the trooper that it is, Arinto also tolerates a fair amount of heat and further, never completely abandons its crisp acidity even in the hottest seasons. In the Alentejo region its grapes are used more in blends to provide that all-important acidity. It has a discreet aroma with no pretensions of exuberance or intensity, showing notes of green apple, lemon and lime accompanied by a vegetal character and mineral pungency. In specific cases it may take on a tropical character, evoking the exoticism of passion fruit. Lengthy macerations and fermentations at low temperature put back any lustre that may have been lost. Oak fermentation also suits Arinto, although ageing potential can be lost in this process.

# Wine Ventures

QUINTA DA ROMEIRA DE CIMA, BUCELAS, PORTUGAL  
WINEMAKER : MANUEL PIRES DA SILVA/MANUEL VIEIRA/MARIA GODINHO



## VINEYARD NOTES

### Quinta da Romeira

- Located in the heart of one of the oldest export wine regions, and the only DOC exclusive for white wines.
- Bucelas which lies within the south Estrmadura district.
- The regions climate is hot during the day and cold and humid during the night.
- Limestone and clay soil.
- Arthur Wellesley, Duke of Wellington, the Military genius behind the defense of the Peninsula against Napoleon, was himself surprised by the white wines of Bucelas, when he was in the region for the construction of the Lines of Torres Vedras. As a token of that appreciation, he sent them to the Prince of Wales. Jorge IV did enjoy them and start to call them Wines of Lisbon.
- The winery has existed since 1703 and has received important guests like the Duke of Wellington and also Marquês de Pombal and his family, famous for his support of Wine and Exports - a good friend of Bucelas white wines.
- The winery has 130 ha, 75 which are vineyards mainly of the Arinto grape variety, with this one being the biggest Arinto vineyard in the country. In addition to the area dedicated to vineyards, 50 ha of the Quinta da Romeira are dedicated to forest activity, apart from the 18th Century Manor house and its gardens. The chapel on the winery dates back from 1914.
- Arinto is known as Pedernã in the Vinho Verde area.



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