



AMEAL SOLO ÚNICO

CHARACTER

WHITE 2020

DO VINHO VERDE – Lima Sub-region – Loureiro

The Quinta do Ameal, located in the Lima sub-region in the *Vinho Verde* region, is a historical property with records dating back to 1710. Stretching across 800 metres of river bank, the Quinta has about 30 hectares, 14 of which are vineyards of the Loureiro grape variety. Over the years, it has become a pioneer in the affirmation of this variety's capacity to produce high quality white wines.

Concept: This wine, from a private plot at the Quinta do Ameal (Marejão), is a unique and complex wine with character.

Wine Year: The agricultural year began colder and with a lot of rain. July was warmer and drier, accelerating ripening and berry development. August had milder temperatures and the rain in the middle of the month was fundamental in restoring the balance of the plants. These conditions allowed for optimum ripeness and concentration to be achieved, while maintaining the characteristic acidity of the region. We began the harvest on 11 September, about a week earlier than usual.

Viticulture: Production method: Integrated Production (SATIVA certified). Soil Geology: Granitic, sandy, loamy soil.

Varieties: Loureiro.

Vinification: Manual harvest, pneumatic pressing of whole grapes. Cold decanting of the must for 24 hours. Fermentation at controlled temperature (10 - 15°C), between 12 and 15 days. Spontaneous malolactic fermentation.

Ageing: On thin lees, 60% in stainless steel vats and 40% in concrete eggs, for 8 months.

Bottling: May 2021.

Technical information:

Alcohol / Volume: 11.5%

Total Acidity: 5.6 g/l

PH: 3.25

Reducing Sugar: < 1.5 g/l

Available Formats: 750 ml and 1,5L

Winemaker: José Luis Moreira da Silva.

Tasting notes:

It has a light citrine colour and a unique and complex aroma, dominated by citrus fruits, characteristic of the Loureiro variety. In the mouth it is vibrant and balanced, with a long and lingering finish. A wine with character, which will develop well over the next 15 years.

Awards:

Robert Parker

2017 - 91 pts

2016 - 92 pts

2015 - 93 pts

2014 - 92 pts

Wine Enthusiast

2019 - 91 pts - Editor's Choice

