



QUINTA DO MONTE D'OIRO BRANCO

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Located an hour's drive north of Lisbon, Quinta do Monte d'Oiro (the Hill of Gold) is located in an area of Lisboa with a reputation for producing high quality wines that dates back to the 17th Century. The winery in its current form was established in 1990 by José Bento dos Santos. A lifelong admirer of the great wines of the Rhône Valley, Jose saw the opportunity to replicate these in Portugal. To this end, the estate employs the expertise of Grégory Viennois, previously chief winemaker at the great Rhone estate of Michel Chapoutier.

The 17.5 hectares of vineyards are certified organic, with abundant grasses, herbs and legumes planted between the vines to encourage competition and biodiversity in the vineyard. No chemical herbicides or pesticides are used and the soils are worked and ploughed to avoid compaction and maximise oxygen content.

The wines combine Rhone varietals with a Portuguese sensibility, and dare one say it, perhaps provide better value than some of their French equivalents. This is the outstanding winery of the Lisboa region, and one of the country's best.

A blend of 50% Viognier + 35% Marsanne + 15% Arinto, the Quinta de Monte D'Oiro Branco is hand-harvested and vinified in stainless steel. Viognier contributes richness and breadth while Marsanne adds spice and Arinto some brisk freshness. Aromas of yellow plum, macadamia and lemon rind. Medium bodied with a juicy mid-palate and crisp finish, this is a versatile dry organic white that can enjoyed both alone and with food.

