



QUINTA
da
MURTA

**Quinta da MURTA “The wine of Shakespeare” Classico 2012
DOC Bucelas**



Quinta da MURTA : A name

Bucelas, called the prince of Portuguese wine, is the most famous dry white wine of Portugal, where Arinto variety of grapes has been cultivated and developed by the Romans for more than 2 000 years.

Portuguese sailors of the ship S.Gabriel celebrated their return to Portugal after having discovered the sea route to the Indies by enjoying Bucelas wine.

During Shakespeare time, Bucelas wine became very popular with the British royal court as well throughout England. The wine called "charneco", named after a small village in Bucelas, is mentioned in Shakespeare's Henry the VI play, part 2, written in 1594.

A unique terroir made of limestone and marl, a hillside facing south-east under the influence of the atlantic ocean, for a very fine fresh wine :

Quinta da Murta, tucked away in gentle chalky hills of Bucelas region, is located 25 km North East Lisbon, in the Basin Lusitânica dating from upper Jurassic, lower Tithonian (Portlandian). The Soil is formed of calcareous marl, crystalline limestone with numerous presence of fossils trigonia, ostrea and various bivalves such as buchotrigonia freixialensis and the foraminifer anchispirocyclina lusitanica. All contribute to a very fine mineralite with shell note, roundness and suppleness of the wine.

The vineyards are all planted on high slope, south and south-east exposition, at 250 meters altitude, protected from Atlantic westerlies winds by a ridge of hills. The area enjoys a very specific micro climate, relatively cool and humid in winter and during the nights, warm and dry during summer. All contribute to a perfect grape ripening but keeping the freshness of the Atlantic ocean.

Arinto : a unique aromatic cepage :

Arinto is a unique cepage whose origin is Bucelas, Portugal. It grows in medium-sized bunches, tightly packed with small grapes. The characteristics of the taste of Arinto are intense yet discreet, aromatic, citrus, apple and tropical with stylish texture and firmness. It finishes long with rewarding flavours.

Characterized by its lively high acidity and freshness, even in hot climate, giving a great vibrant white and sparkling wine full of character, capable for long guard, but also delicious young.

Arinto develops with age a bouquet of lemon and vanilla softwood.

Grapes become greatest in its natural terroir Bucelas.

A tradition viticulture privileging bio-dynamic :

Before the plantation of the vineyard, more than 20 years ago, the limestone soil was occupied by bushes with myrtle berries. Soil has been scrambled 2 meters deep, cow and horse manure was spread and pass with chisel to bury the fertilizer and regularize the soil for plantation.

The vineyard is naturally cultivated in a protected area and total biodiversity in flora and fauna, planted with a relative low density of 4000 plants/ha twice pruned during winter and spring time in bilateral Royat cordon. Lusitania horse manure is now applied between rows where grasses naturally grow, drop irrigation is minimized to its lowest level and an integrated pest management system is strictly observed, privileging always biodynamic, allowing to harvest high quality and aromatic grape at a low yield of 6t/ha.

A very specific wine making and maturation all done at the property for revealing fruit, complexity and flavors :

Manual harvest is handled in small case of 25kg at the best maturation period and in the most sunny vineyard plot for best sugar, aromas and acidity content, followed by a delicate sorting of the grapes avoiding rotten or green ones, then by a gentle destalking and crushing.

Special skin maceration, controlled at low temperature, revealing all aromas and flavor of Arinto, a gentle pressing, then the fermentation and maturation occurs in wooden French oak barrels on full lees with “battonage” during 12 months.

All wine making and maturation is done for a greater complexity and depth of flavor, making great white “vin de garde” able to enjoy the wine up to 15 years later. An exclusive cool stabilization and gentle filtration before bottling occur finally.

Wine tasting :

Very fruity nose, with citrus and married with notes of vanilla, fresh in the mouth, body well balanced, creamy and perfect elegance. End-of-mouth long and challenging.

Ideal with any type of fatty seafood and fish, poultry or red meat baked or cooked with strong or spicy sauces.

Award Quinta da MURTA Classico DOC Bucelas :

2006 – Rev. Vinhos Dez/2007 – Prémio Melhor Compra
João Paulo Martins – Verão 2008 – 16,5 pontos
Rev. Vinhos 220/2008 – 16,5 pontos
Rev. BestWine 08/2009 – 101 Grandes Vinhos

2007 - Rev. Divinum nº3/2009 – 17 pontos
Conc. IWC 2009 – Medalha “Recomendado”
Conc. CMB 2009 – 82.39 pontos
Aníbal Coutinho -Guia 285 Melhores Vinhos 2010 – 94 pontos

2009 – Conc. IWC 2011 - Medalha Silver
Guia Rui Falcão 2012 – 16.5 valores (TOP Lisboa)
João Paulo Martins 2011 – 16 valores
Conc. IWC 2012 – Medalha Bronze