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WHITE 2020

DOP VINHO VERDE – Lima Sub-Region

Quinta do Ameal is a historic estate In the Vinho Verde region, specifically in the Lima River Valley, with written records dating back as far as 1710. Fourteen of the estate's 30 hectares, stretching 800 metres along the riverbanks, are planted with Loureiro grapes. Over the years, this vineyard has become a pioneer in demonstrating this variety's capacity to produce high-quality white wines.

Concept: Coming exclusively from the Marinhas plot on the estate, this complex and textured wine showcases Loureiro's ability to produce great quality wines with excellent ageing potential. 3.950 bottles were produced.

Harvest: The agricultural year began rainy and colder than usual. July was warmer and drier, which hastened ripening. Milder August temperatures in conjunction with mid-month rain were key to restoring balance to the fruit. These conditions enabled the optimal level of ripeness and concentration, while preserving the region's characteristic acidity. The harvest began on September 7th, one week earlier than usual.

Winegrowing: Integrated Production (SATIVA certificate)

Soil: Granite, sandy loam soil.

Variety: Loureiro

Winemaking: Following manual harvesting, slight maceration was followed by the pneumatic pressing of whole grapes. Cold decanted for 24 hours. Fermenteded in used barrels and in an oak tonel for 12 to 15 days.

Ageing: Twelve months on fine lees in 500-litre French oak barrels and 2000-litre Austrian oak tuns, followed by six months in the bottle.

Bottled: May 2022

Specifications:
Alcohol / Volume: 12.5 %
Total Acidity: 4.9 g/l
pH: 3.40
Residual Sugar: 3.9 g/l

Bottle Size: 750ml

Winemaker: José Luis Moreira da Silva.

Tasting notes: Yellow in colour, with a complex aroma with citrus and floral notes predominating and a hint of the spices typical of oak ageing. Concentrated and with volume, its finish is long and persistent. This wine will age well for the next 20 years.

Awards:

Robert Parker:	Wine Enthusiast:
2017 – 91 pts	2011 – 92 pts
2016 – 93 pts	2009 – 92 pts
2015 – 94 pts	2004 – 94 pts
2014 – 92 pts	2003 – 92 pts