



MAU MARIA VINHO VERDE BRANCO

NV/\$9.99



DESCRIPTION

Vinho Verde is unique in the world. A naturally light and fresh wine, produced in the Demarcated Region of Vinhos Verdes, a coastal region geographically well located for the production of excellent white wines.

Vinho Verde is a widely consumed white wine from Northern Portugal. The wine tends to be made from local grapes such as Alvarinho (Albarino), Loureiro, Arinto, and Azal. Vinho Verde is a light, refreshing wine with lots of floral and green fruit notes. The wine often has a slight carbonation to it, though not enough that it could be referred to as a sparkling wine. A Vinho Verde region was established in 1908, though the area didn't receive its Denominação de Origem Controlada (DOC) until 1984. The wine is thought to have originated in the Minho province in the far north of Portugal. The carbonation in the bottle occurs from a process called malolactic fermentation, and while this is typically considered to be a defect in the wine the Vinho Verde producers found that the consumers rather liked it. Because of the wine's bracing acidity and oceanic minerality it should be considered to be the ultimate partner to raw shellfish.

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"Verde" means green, but that does not describe the color of the wine produced here. Instead, the name refers to the tradition of drinking Vinho Verde wines while they are young. The grapes were picked in the morning to retain freshness and were gently pressed. After cold pelicular maceration, it was fermented in small stainless steel vats, with a controlled fermentation temperature of 16°C for 18 days in order to preserve the varietal aromas of the grapes from which it originated.

Tasting Notes

NOSE:

Light, fresh, and young wine with aromas of tropical fruits, citrus and melon.

PALATE:

Soft textured palate and well-balanced with crisp acidity on the finish.

PAIRING:

Appetizers and snacks, shellfish, and vegetarian dishes.

WINERY WEBSITE: [Mau Maria \(parras.wine\)](http://parras.wine)

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