

# RIBAFREIXO WINES

## GÁUDIO

### WINEMAKER

Paulo Laureano

### WINE REGION

DOC Alentejo, Portugal



### STORY

Ribafreixo Wines has been designing Herdade do Moinho Branco, at the gateway to the town of Vidigueira, since 2007. Its 282 acres are the result of a collection of abandoned agricultural plots from the region's declining population and reduced agricultural profits. The name Moinho Branco, or "White Mill", preserves the building's original name among local residents who, in bygone days, used the nearby stream to mill the grains they produced.

### VINEYARD

Ribafreixo Wine's 114 hectares of vineyards are part of the Vidigueira Sub-region. The closeness (8kms) to the Alqueva dam – which created a 100 square mile lake and almost 700 miles of shore, making it Europe's largest artificial lake – enables them to use a Drip Irrigation watering system fed by the Alvito/Pisão subsidiary dam. They take pride in their 100% integrated production, an 'alternative' approach halfway between traditional and biological farming. This blend has grapes planted in the Vidigueira microclimate. (Mediterranean climate with strong atlanticity as well as a continental influence in Spring-Summer.)

### VINIFICATION

Fermentation in stainless steel vats for a 30 day period, followed by 2 to 3 months batonnage. 3 months of bottle staging.

### TASTING NOTES

Notes of lime, minerality and tropical fruits. The palate combines its freshness with a prominent structure. Elegant and stylish, shows different characteristics, without losing its personality.

### FOOD PAIRING

A perfect wine for oysters, mussels, scallops and other shellfish. Perfect with starters.

## QUICK FACTS

### VARIETY

100% Alvarinho

### AGING

Stainless Steel

### PRODUCTION

40,000 Bottles

### WINE SCORES

92 pts New York Intl' Wine Competition, 2019

