

# RIBAFREIXO WINES BARRANCÔA

## 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 tropical and citrus fruits with a tone of minerality, mixed with notes of green vine. A well-balanced and rounded wine, with an outstanding freshness, showing a persistent and pleasant finish.

## FOOD PAIRING

Grilled fish, seafood, sushi and Asian dishes.

## QUICK FACTS

### VARIETY

Antão Vaz (50%), Siria (25%), Arinto (25%)

### AGING

Stainless Steel

### PRODUCTION

50,000 Bottles

### WINE SCORES

87 pts Wine Enthusiast, 2018 Vintage

