COMPAÑÍA DE VINOS DEL ATLÁNTICO VINHO VERDE 'VERA'

ORIGIN

Portugal, Vinho Verde, Basto

WINE TYPE & VARIETIES Still white, with 60 % Arinto, 30 % Azal and 10 % Loureiro

SOIL

A mix of sandy loam, granite and schist

AGE OF VINES 25 years old

VITICULTURE Sustainable

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VINIFICATION

Harvest is entirely manual in 20 kg crates. Loureiro is picked first, Arinto is picked by mid-October and Azal sometimes going well into November. Destemming and gentle pressing. The juice settles for 48 hours before fermentation takes place in stainless steel tanks. Filtered prior to bottling which occurs in February



Compañía de Vinos del Atlántico (CVA) was created in 2002 by Alberto Orte and Patrick Mata. Alberto and Patrick together with their respective families have over 250 years of experience of vine growing and winemaking. Their families have been independent wine producers since the late 1800's. The purpose of CVA is to unite this long history and heritage and to combine the vast knowledge and experience in carries.

Today CVA makes wines in several geographical locations, 18 different appellations on the Iberian Peninsula. The goal is to explore regions and to their handcraft, elaborar, wines that express their origin, respecting the terroir, place and identity from where it comes and is grown. Ever since CVA set out on this journey they have been in search of truly great vineyard sites for every given region, sites that out-perform and gives the potential of producing the best wine in that region. This work has involved identifying indigenous varieties and old vines grown organically in balanced, low-yielding, soils. The goal is always to own the vineyards they work with and the winemaking philosophy is always sensible.

CVA is today one of the main figures and one of only a handful producers, as the likes of Raúl Pérez and Envinate, taking care of the old viticultural heritage Spain has; saving old varieties, recuperating old vineyards/ regions as well as making wine based on terroir/site rather than blending them all together. These people are in the forefront of bringing Spain into a new (or old so to speak) era of wine.

Compañía de Vinos del Atlántico are present in regions like Galicia, Rioja, Madrid, Valencia, Alicante, Penedés, region around Jerez as well as Portugal.

Vera Vinho Verde is 100 % estate fruit, estate bottled, low RS and a very light carbonation, allowing for a medium bodied and better balanced wine. The fact that fruit comes from the estate's 104 plots (yes 104!) provides consistent quality from vintage too vintage. Vera Vinho Verde is one of the great offers from Portugal and from the region.