



## COVELA EDIÇÃO NACIONAL ARINTO 2018

The name – Edição Nacional, or National Edition comes from the use of a Portuguese grape variety used in this Vinho Verde – Arinto. A fresh and lively wine that showcases the granitic soils and sunshine of the Douro Valley in the south-easternmost corner of the Vinhos Verdes demarcated region.

### TERROIR

At Quinta de Covela we practice organic farming on the granitic soils that form a natural, south-facing amphitheater of low-lying terraces overlooking the right bank of the Douro river. Covela lies in the southeasternmost corner of the Vinhos Verdes demarcated region, on the borderline between the continental climate of inland Portugal and the maritime influences of the Atlantic coast to the West.

### TASTING NOTES

**Colour:** Brilliant pale straw.

**Nose:** Good intensity. Notes of melon and water melon, plus citrus fruit (limes), green apples and some sweetness at the end.

**Palate:** Dry and fresh, medium-bodied, citric fruit predominate.

### VINIFICATION

Manual harvesting. Transport in small boxes to avoid crushing. Hand selection of the grapes.

Total de-stemming followed by gentle pressing. Spontaneous fermentation in stainless steel vats. Rests on fine lees until January.

### FROM CELLAR TO TABLE

Enjoy at a temperature between 8°C and 10°C. Ideal with grilled fish and seafood. With its youthful zest, this wine goes well with most types of light hors d'oeuvre or can be enjoyed without food, though never without the good company of family or friends.

A perfect match for many Asian and Peruvian dishes.



The winery's terroir is a bit different. This **Arinto 2017** is Vinho Verde, "but the strong sun is definitely Douro and the result [is] fuller-bodied wines. Arinto is always more obvious to me in acidity and power... winemaker Rui Cunha called it a different type of acidity, one that is more up front, in essence—this also has fine concentration to go with its acidic backbone. The depth counters the power well. Finally, there is beautiful tension on the finish.

**90**  
/100 Pts.

Mark Squires, eRobertParker.com - Aug 2018



The **Arinto 2016**, is beautifully focused, fresh and dry, this has fine tension on the finish and pretty good solidity in the mid-palate. The crisp and clean feel is lovely. The fruit lingers. This should do well in the cellar, too.

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**Winemaker:** Rui Cunha

**Alcohol:** 12,5% vol. - **Total acidity:** 6,1 g/l - **pH:** 3,19 - **Residual sugar:** <1,5g/l - **Total sulphur dioxide:** 68 mg/l

Available in bottles of 0,75 L. and 1,5 L.



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