



**Name of Wine:** Luis Pato Vinho Tinto

**Producer:** Luís Pato

**Region:** Vinho Regional Beiras, Portugal

**Vintage:** 2007

**Grape Varieties:** 100% Baga (One of the highest yielding Portuguese grape varieties, spread throughout the country but most concentrated in Bairrada and Dão. The grapes come into their own when well ripe, showing wines of deep color and great structure, with powerful tannins and everything in place to evolve well in the bottle.)

### **Grape Source:**

**Vineyards:** Estate owned vineyards located in Bairrada.

**Soil:** Sandy and chalky clay.

### **Vinification:**

**Harvest:** Hand harvested

**Maceration/Fermentation:** Destemmed and fermented for 3 days in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks.

### **Other:**

**Alcohol Volume:** 12.5%

**Ratings:** 100 Points Vinos Unico Staff

### **Tasting Notes:**

A light beautiful red with earthy notes and sour cherry like fruit. Savory and fresh with fleshy round tannins and bright acidity. Pair this with chicken and pork dishes.

### **History:**

Documents reveal wine production since the 18th Century. It is one of the first Estate's in Bairrada to start bottling their wines in the 1970s. The owner Luís Pato is the winemaker and an intelligent, press-friendly ex-chemist. Ironically, although he's the one person who has probably done the most for the international visibility and reputation of the Bairrada region, Pato only bottles a few of his wines under the Bairrada appellation. Instead, he uses the wider generic VR Beiras label, as a protest against what he considers to be an over-legislative attitude of the regulating authorities. Due partly to Luis Pato's rebel-like actions with his wines in 2003 radical changes have been made to the DOC wine laws in Bairrada. Starting in 2008 Luis Pato's top reds started using the Bairrada designation again. Luis Pato has done so much to elevate the status of the Baga grape his nickname is now "Mr. Baga."

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