



Name of Wine: Quinta de Cabriz Branco
“Colheita Seleccionada”

Producer: Quinta de Cabriz

Region: Dão, Portugal

Vintage: 2008

Grape Varieties: Blend of **40% Encruzado** (the Dão’s best white grape, has excellent balance between sugar and acidity and is capable of barrel fermentation, as well as making lighter fresher styles), **20% Bical** (has

fresh acidity and good peachy-floral flavors, making good young wines that age well exhibiting increasingly toasty complexity), **20% Cerceal** (aka Arinto, makes steely high acid whites that age well) and **20% Malvasia-Fina** (aka Arinto do Dão, it is one of the world’s oldest grape varieties and it’s wines are characterized by their heavy body that is often described as "round" or "fat" and soft texture in the mouth. Common aroma notes include peaches, apricots and white currants.)

Grape Source:

Vineyards: 38 hectares of estate owned vineyards planted on gently sloping hills

Soil: Granite and Schist

Vinification:

Harvest: Hand harvested

Maceration/Fermentation: Fermented in stainless steel with extended aging on the lees.

Other:

Alcohol Volume: 12.5%

Ratings: **100 Points** Vinos Unico Staff

Tasting Notes:

Powerfully aromatic nose of ripe tropical fruits such tangerine, small sweet ripe bananas, papayas, guava, and also "Juicy Fruit" bubblegum. A flavorful palate just a touch more reserved than the nose, white peach, nectarine, and a rich creamy effect due to the lees aging. Full bodied, bright acidity in balance with the fruit and a long juicy finish.

History:

Much of the new energy in the Dão region has come from Dão Sul which is the parent company that owns Quinta de Cabriz and a few other estates. The company is not yet 20 years old, and already it has set new standards of quality by which single estate wines of the region are judged. Portugal’s 2007 Winemaker of the Year Carlos Lucas, chief winemaker and part-owner of Dão Sul, does not believe in buying in grapes or wine. Lucas likes owning or renting estates, keeping control of the whole process, from growing grapes to selling finished wines. (The Wine and Food Lover’s Guide to Portugal)

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