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• PORTUGAL AT VINISUD

"*Demarcada*" regions, that is to say controlled appellations, have increased from 10 in 1985 to 55 at present.

Certain of them are historic, like Porto o Dão, while others reflect the vigor of Portuguese vineyards and the wisdom of the men who make the wine.

• **Vinho Verde**

Area in North Portugal, washed by the Minho. The white wines, made from Alvarinho, Loureiro, Trajadura y Avesso, are slightly effervescent and very fruity.

• **Douro**

This region, located in the northeast of Portugal on the steep hillsides that rise along the Douro, produces the basic wines used to elaborate Port in the Vilanova de Gaia cellar. But 50% of the production is used to elaborate a still red wine of very high quality. The soil is slate and terraces rise from the river all the way to the heights that reach nearly 1,000 metres. The varieties are Roriz, Touriga Nacional, Barroca, Touriga Francesa, Cão (very delicate) and Barca (spicy).

• **Dão**

Area also influenced by the Douro, which flows more to the north. Granite soils. 80% of the production is red wine. Once again, the Touriga Nacional, the finest Portuguese variety, is present along with Tinta Pinheira and Roriz. White varieties, Encruzado, Cercal and Bical, produce aromatic wines.

• **Bairrada**

Region located near the Atlantic, south of Dão. Its name comes from "barro," which in Portuguese means clay. This area produces 60% of Portuguese sparkling wines, but its still wines enjoy a deserved reputation. Reds, made from the variety Baga, are wines with great character and enormous complexity for long cellaring. Fruity whites are made from the varieties Maria Gomes, Bical, Cercal and Arinto. (16 000 ha).

• **Estremadura**

Coastal area, north of Lisbon. Wines are labelled as AOC. Obidos, Alenquer, Torres Vedras, Arruda, Encostas de Aire and Alcobaça.

Wines from Alenquer are known for their balance. They are elaborated with the varieties Periquita, Cabernet Sauvignon, Ferno Pires and Chardonnay.

• **Ribatejo**

In the centre of Portugal, its 36,000 hectares produce reds, but above all prestigious whites, such as those elaborated with the varieties Fernao Pires, Vital and Talia. des vins aromatiques.

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