



CASA DO VALLE

Special Edition

We work everyday to create high quality wines.

It is only in exceptional years, like 2015, that we achieve the excellence that allows us to launch a «Special Edition».



PRODUCER / GROWER:	Casa do Valle, Soc. Agric., L.da
REGION:	Vinho Verde DOC – Basto Sub-Region
GRAPE VARIETIES:	Alvarinho (80%), Field Blend (20%) – Estate Bottled
VINTAGE:	2015
SOIL:	Schist (60%) / Granitica (40%)
GUIDING SYSTEM :	Iron string - simple
VINE'S AGE:	between 15 and 40 years old
ELEVATION:	between 300 and 360 metter
DISTANCE TO OCEAN:	74 Km
VINIFICATION:	Manual Harvest in 20 kg crates. In the end of September. The grapes were totally destemmed and press in a pneumatic press. 60% of the wine fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks and 40% fermented in French oak barrels. Bâtonage till the end of June in inox Tanks. Cold stabilisation and microfiltration before bottling.
ALCOHOL:	13,7%
ACIDITY:	7,7 g/l
RESIDUAL SUGAR:	<1,5 gr/l. – DRY
pH:	3,14
OENOLOGIST:	Luís Duarte / Luís Cameira
STOPPER:	Natural Cork
FIRST VINTAGE:	2015
PRODUCTION:	1.650 Magum bottles
BOTTLING:	August 2016

Robert Parker - Wine Advocate's review (91-92): Tasted in July 2016 before bottling

The 2015 Special Edition is a blend of mostly Alvarinho (80%) plus a field blend (20%), not quite bottled when seen. It is quite dry and comes in at 13.7% alcohol. It was 50% fermented in stainless steel, the rest in used French oak. The idea here, said Luis Cameira, was to make a deeper wine using a mix of the Alvarinho grapes from his Grande Escolha and some old vines. The oak shows a small bit, but that should be nominal in the long run. The most notable feature here is the big acidity that lifts the fruit and makes this very tense, even more so than the regular Grande Escolha bottling reviewed last issue. It will be interesting to see how this comes together once it has had a few months in the bottle. It may be the best table wine I've ever seen from this winery, easily eclipsing the recent 2015 Grande Escolha (which is increasingly impressive right now and even better than when I first saw it a few months back). There were 1,650 magnums produced. The suggested price references a magnum—it is intended that only magnums will be produced.

«LIFE IS GOOD, BUT WINE IS BETTER»

FERNANDO PESSOA