

# PERIQUITA SUPERYOR

2014

## HISTORY

The story of Periquita is interwoven with the story of José Maria da Fonseca itself, beginning in the 1820s when the founding father of the company, José Maria da Fonseca arrived in Lisbon and bought several local properties. One such purchase, most probably in 1846, was Cova da Periquita. It was on that property that José Maria da Fonseca planted red grapes of the Castelão variety, which he brought most probably from the province of Ribatejo. Although we are not sure when the first vintage was produced we are certain that by 1850 Periquita was already made. This wine is Domingos Soares Franco tribute to this fortunate marriage between the variety and the region, brought together by the Founder of this company. The Castelão Francês which, originated from Old Vineyards, was footrotten in small "lagares".

José Maria da Fonseca is the oldest and one of the most prestigious wineries in Portugal, producing wines, Port and Setubal Moscatel. The Soares Franco family owns José Maria da Fonseca and has been involved in the wine business for almost 200 years. With over 650 hectares of land under vine in our main wine regions: Península de Setúbal, Alentejo and Douro, José Maria Fonseca also boasts Portugal's largest winery, with capacity to produce 6.5 million litres of wine in a totally computerised operation.

## THE WINEMAKER

Domingos Soares Franco, winemaker and vice-president, is the youngest of the two representatives of the sixth generation of the family that manages José Maria da Fonseca. He studied in Davis, California, and started working at José Maria da Fonseca in the 1980s. Since then, he has introduced several changes into the wines produced by this company, becoming one of the most innovative new-generation winemakers in Portugal. As a winemaker, his first major influence was undoubtedly that of his father Fernando Soares Franco. His uncle, António Porto Soares Franco, a man of great vision, also influences him tremendously, among other important achievements, he deserves to be recognized as the creator of Lancers, one of the best known Portuguese wines around the world and José Maria da Fonseca's first international "best seller".



### Setúbal Península

The highest level of the Castelão Francês grape variety. It was José Maria da Fonseca responsibility to present a super-premium wine from the Setúbal Península main red grape.

## REVIEWS

### 2009 Vintage:

W Awards 2013 – "The Best Red Wine of the Year" for Aníbal Coutinho / Revista de Vinhos – **17,5 pts**

### 2008 Vintage:

Wine Advocate Magazine, Mark Squires - **90 pts** / Revista de Vinhos – **17,5 pts** / Award of Excellence "Best of 2010" / Revista Wine – **17 pts** / Revista Fugas – **8,5 / 9 pts** (in 10)

## VINTAGE INFORMATION

**Classification:** Vinho Regional

**Region:** Setúbal Península

**Vineyard Area:** 5 ha

**Grape varieties:** Castelão (90%), Cabernet Sauvignon (7%), Tinta Francisca (3%)

**Type of soil:** Sandy

**Wine Production:** 2.700 liters

### Tasting notes:

Colour: Deep Red

Aroma: Wild cherry, chocolate, sweet herbaceous, spices

Palate: Fresh, long, elegant with present tannins. Excellent aging potential

Finish: Long

**Vinification:** Full maceration with some stems at 28°C, in 3,000 kilos lagares.

**Ageing:** 10 months in small new French oak barrels

**Bottling:** February 2016

### Analyses:

Alcohol – 14%

Total Acidity – 6.37 gr/l as tartaric acid  
pH – 3.05

**Serving suggestions:** Serve at 14/16°C. It is excellent with meat dishes and cheese.

**Storage:** The bottles should be stored at a temperature of 12°C and 60% of humidity.

**Shelf life:** 15 years after bottling

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