

# HAJA CORTEZIA VINHAS VELHAS FAMILY VINHO TINTO

## 2020

**Country**  
Portugal

**Region**  
Colares

**Varietal**  
Castelão  
Tinta Roriz  
Alicante Bouschet

**Winemaker**  
Luis Duarte &  
Teresa Gamboa

**Alcohol Content**  
13%

**Total Sulfur**  
No data

**pH**  
No data

**Acidity**  
No data

### HISTORY

Colares was demarcated in 1908, being the second oldest demarcated region in the Portugal. Haja Cortezia is located in an area of sand dunes, on the coast of the municipality of Sintra, between the mountains and the Atlantic Ocean, from Cabo da Roca to the villages of Assafra and Cortesia. The region of Colares became famous at the end of the 19th century, (more precisely in 1865) when its greatest threat, phylloxera, fell on world viticulture. As all the vines are planted to sand, the region was spared.

Husband and wife Luis and Teresa have been farming their *vinhas velhas* or "old vines" as preservationists of culture, varietal and environment; using only organic farming practices and low intervention methods.

### VINIFICATION and MATURATION

Harvested by hand and pressed in juice basket, each varietal is respectively fermented in temperature controlled stainless steel tanks with indigenous yeasts before being transferred to American oak barrels for 12 months.

### VINEYARD



Located 2km from the Atlantic coast, Malvasia is 100+ year old vines that are *pé-franco* (meaning non-grafted and pre-phylloxera) planted in traditional castes rich in sand content, all south facing. No ploughing between rows to allow maximum pollinators and maintain a cool top soil in the summer heat.

### TASTING NOTES



Vibrant aromas of white flowers, vanilla and blueberries that persist on the palate met with ruby red grapefruit and finishes with mineral notes and well-integrated oak.

### FOOD PAIRING



Cured meats, grilled tuna, pasta bolognese, pâtés, sausages, Queijo, Spanish manchego.

