



AUTHENTIC TRANSMONTANO WINES

We believe that one can still be surprised with authentic wines from unlikely terroirs and grape varieties. Such as Penada wines, born in Trás-os-Montes (meaning behind the mountains, in Portuguese). An untapped old world wine region, even for those who are well aware of the quality wines of Portugal.

MAIN FACTS

- Penada vineyards are located in the village of Loivos, Chaves in northern Portuguese wine Region of Trás-os-Montes.
- The Montez family went back to its family roots in winemaking in Portugal after having traveled the world from Angola to the USA.
- Penada vineyards were re-planted starting in 2011 exclusively with Portuguese grape varieties totaling 21.000 vines.
- Penada wines bring a fresh view on Old World wine: purely Portuguese grape varieties, from an untapped wine region with a “hands on” view on winemaking.





HISTORY

- 1900 The Montez family had a long tradition in winemaking. But soon they departed from their village in Loivos, Chaves for flourishing Angola.
- 1970 The family returned to Portugal in the seventies , were son Marco Montez grew fascinated by local winemaking tradition.
- 1990 In 1990 Marco Montez left for the United States were he kept his enthusiasm for winemaking. Eventually in 2008 he opened his own winery - Travessia - in New Bedford, Massachusetts.
- 2011 Along with his father they finally decided to replant the family vineyards to create genuine Transmontano wines.
- 2012 The very first grapes were harvested. The result was an exquisite white wine blend then named "Ensaio" (Essay)).

PEOPLE MARCO MONTEZ

Marco Montez left for the United States were he nurtured a passion for winemaking. There opened his own winery in 2008 in New Bedford, Massachusetts. In 2011 along with his father they finally decided to make a dream come true: producing genuine Transmontano wines in the family vineyards. Thus were born Penada Wines.





TRÁS-OS-MONTES

AN UNTAPPED "OLD WORLD" BEHIND THE MOUNTAINS

"Tras-os-Montes" in Portuguese means "behind the mountains". This is a land of ancient Celtic roots, located the north of Douro wine region, hidden by a chain of mountains. Mostly of granitic soils, with extreme temperatures in summer and winter. There, in the region of Chaves, stands Loivos village, a famed land for fine wines and quality olive oils.

TERROIR

A DIFFICULT VINEYARD, 500M HIGH

Penada's name, which in Portuguese means "winning in a breath" is the name of the hill that rises 500m high above the valley and the village of Loivos. Here stand our vineyards. Planted in "geios", the traditional terraced plantation system, similar to that of famed Douro vineyards. The location implies hard and risky works in the vineyard, but benefits from an excellent sun exposure.

VINES

JUST AUTHENTIC PORTUGUESE GRAPE VARIETIES

In Penada vineyards there are only Portuguese grape varieties, proven in the region. Since 2011 the family planted 21,000 vines in a search for the utmost authenticity. Mostly from local well adapted red vine varieties: Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Tinta Roriz and local Tinta Amarela, also called Trincadeira and Tinta Barroca. White grape varieties being Fernão Pires, Malvasia Fina and Moscatel.





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