

Trás-os-Montes, an untapped "Old World"

Portugal may be unknown to many, but its region of Trás-os-Montes is even more so. An untaped land north of the Douro, sheltered by a chain of mountains ("Trás-os-Montes" in Portuguese means "behind the mountains"), this is a land of ancient Celtic roots. A mountainous terroir of mostly granitic soils, facing extreme temperatures in summer and in winter. There, in the region of Chaves, one hour from Porto, stands the village of Loivos, a famed land of fine wines and quality olive oil.

