BROADBENT VINHO VERDE ROSÉ

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Vinho Verde, Portugal's largest wine region, stretches from the Spanish border to south of Oporto. The soils are acid-rich and granite-based, with areas of schist or slate and clay. The slopes tend to be gentle, though some vineyards are planted on steep or terraced slopes. Produced in the Barcelos commune—the top quality area for Vinho Verde— made exclusively from red grape varieties. The reds and rosé wines from Vinho Verde are harder to come by because the Minho region (where Vinho Verde comes from) is quite cool and often rainy, making it hard to ripen red grapes. A soft crushing and pressing make it possible to gently extract the juice. The rosé must is clarified, resulting in a bright, clear wine. To make proper Vinho Verde, malolactic fermentation is suppressed and at bottling, carbon dioxide is injected to give the wine its characteristic spritz.

Bartholomew Broadbent's deep roots in Portugal inspired him to create his own range of table wines. His vision was to produce the most reliable and traditional of all Vinho Verdes and to resolve the usual whine that Vinho Verde never tastes like it tastes in Portugal. The solution was twofold: to partner with a winery that had consistent production, and to ship the wines in refrigerated containers. The latter enables the wine to taste as fresh and spritzy as it would ever taste in Portugal, and since its launch in 2005, Broadbent Vinho Verde has rapidly earned a reputation as one of the finest that the region produces.

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