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MALVASIA DE COLARES, DOC COLARES 2015

Vineyard: Pre-filoxera vineyards of Malvasia de Colares grape variety, planted somewhere in the XIX century. Typically located on pre-historical sandy-dunes on the cliffs over the Atlantic, the ungrafted vines are deeply rooted in the layer of clay which is normally between a depth of 2 to 4 meters. These vines are trained like ground bushes.

Year: Overall it was a cold winter with a very rainy growing season from April to July. Afterwards August was hot and dry, with the harvest period being affected by moderate-high precipitation. Nonetheless it was the highest production year from the decade alongside with 2010. Low pH and difficult maturation were the two major remarks this year.

Winemaking: The hand-picked grapes went through a tight selection process in the vineyard and winery. After gentle crush and only 6h of skin maceration (it was a very

Vintage: 2015 - Appellation: DOC Colares - Varieties: Malvasia de Colares - Alcohol: 12% - Total Acidity: 7.6g/l - pH: 3,32
Residual sugar 1,9g/l

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rainy year), the juice undergoes 48h of static decantation. Fermentation occurs naturally in old French oak barrels of 225L. It rests there for 18 months.

Winemakers comment: Atlantic rich flavour, white fruit, almonds and honey starting to develop anise and hints of tangerine jam and toasted pollen evolutionary aromas. Elegant and velvet entrance, the wine transports all the flavours of the Atlantic Ocean, crispy acidity with tangerine subtle taste, finishing long and intense.

Consumption: Should be drunk around 8-10°C. Has a potential of ageing in bottle until 2033.



Andreas Larsson

"Medium deep golden colour. Intense nose, layered with notes of exotic fruit like pineapple, mango, crushed nuts, fine oak floral hints. Very nice grip on the palate, (...), a well-balanced freshness and a long lingering finish. Complex and layered with plenty of character." 93/100 pts

Robert Parker

"It seems bright and long on the finish. Deep and well crafted, this adds a slightly nutty aftertaste. Overall, this is impressive." 90/100 pts

Robert Parker
WINE ADVOCATE