



## AMEAL LOUREIRO

Vibrant

WHITE 2021

DOP VINHO VERDE – Lima Sub-Region

Quinta do Ameal is a historic estate in the Vinho Verde region, more specifically in the Lima River Valley, with written records dating back as far as 1710. Fourteen of the estate's 30 hectares, stretching 800 metres along the riverbanks, are planted with Loureiro grapes. Over the years, this vineyard has become a pioneer in showcasing this variety's ability to produce high-quality white wines.

**Concept:** This wine comes from the Lima sub-region of Lima, the birthplace of the Loureiro grape. It seeks the most vibrant expression of the variety, showcasing its capacity to produce quality wines with excellent ageing potential. We produce approximately 51,000 bottles were produced.

**Harvest:** The relatively rainy winter and spring posed demanding challenges for our oenologists. The summer, though, was cooler than average and so the grapes ripened slowly and in a well-balanced fashion. The harvest began on September 8th, one week earlier than usual.

**Winegrowing:** Integrated Production Method (SATIVA certificate)

**Soil:** Granite

**Variety:** Loureiro

**Vinification:** Following manual harvesting, the whole grapes were pneumatically pressed. Cold decanted for 48 hours. Fermentation was temperature controlled temperature between 10 - 15°C for 12 to 15 days in stainless steel vats.

**Ageing:** Seven months on the lees in stainless steel tanks.

**Bottled:** May 2022.

**Specifications:**

Alcohol / Volume: 11,5%

Total Acidity: 7,3 g/l

pH: 3,18

Residual Sugar: < 1,5 g/l

**Bottle sizes:** 750 ml & 1.5 L

**Winemakers:** José Luis Moreira da Silva & Lourenço Charters

**Tasting notes:** Pale lemon in colour, it has great aromatic intensity, dominated by citrus and floral aromas. On the palate, it is vibrant and balanced, with a fresh and persistent finish. It will evolve well over the next 15 years.

**Awards:**

| Robert Parker | Wine Enthusiast | Wine&Spirits  | Decanter      |
|---------------|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2017 - 91 pts | 2019 - 90 pts   | 2019 - 93 pts | 2014 - 90 pts |
| 2016 - 92 pts | 2011 - 90 pts   |               | 2013 - 93 pts |
| 2015 - 94 pts | 2009 - 90 pts   |               |               |
| 2013 - 90 pts | 2004 - 91 pts   |               |               |
| 2012 - 90 pts |                 |               |               |
| 2007 - 92 pts |                 |               |               |

