

## Gota Wines

Natalia Jessa arrived in Portugal from Poland by way of Ireland where her experience as a buyer and student of wine gave her a macro point of view on the world of buying and selling wine. A subscriber to the “drink it, don’t overthink it” mantra, Natalia saw the undiscovered potential in many Portuguese wine regions, and knew she could make wines that over delivered in every sense. The mission of Gota Wines is to showcase the top regions of Portugal at accessible prices. Natalia works closely with small growers to make authentic expressions of each region using only local varieties.

Azahar Vinho Verde is a Loureiro-based blend of several varietals from an organically farmed vineyard close to the Atlantic Ocean. Prunus Blanco, an Encruzado-based blend, and Prunus Tinto, a Jaen-based blend are from organically farmed granite and clay vineyards in the lower elevations of the Dao. Bergamota is also from the Dao, but is a Touriga Nacional-based blend that is aged in French oak.



### About Azahar

“Vinho Verde is clearly unique in the world. From the evergreen region, where the temperatures are never too high, rainfall on the 1500mm average and high humidity, around 30 thousand small growers take care of their small plots of land where beside the grapes kiwi is grown. Our wine comes from vineyards 15km close to Atlantic. Those conditions create acidic but subtle, fresh and fruity wines, and Azahar is the perfect example of what the region is capable of.”

## Azahar



## Vinho Verde DOC



**Varietal/Blend:** 35% Loureiro / 25% Pedernã / 25% Trajadura / 15% Azal

**Farming Practices:** practicing organic

**Altitude / Exposure:** varied

**Soil:** granite

**Vine Training:** pergola and single cordon Royat

**Harvest Technique:** hand harvested in 2<sup>nd</sup> week of September at 11° potential alcohol

**Yeast:** selected

**Fermentation:** fermented in concrete tank

**Maturation:** stays on lees in concrete till bottling

**Vegan:** yes

**Alcohol:** 11%

**Fined:** bentonite

**Filtered:** light

**Country:** Portugal

**Region:** Vinho Verde

**Sub-region:** Atlantic Wine (within 15km of the coastline)

**Vineyard:** 30 thousand small grower’s plots

“Vibrant yellow color and hints of gold. A becoming note of maturity is developing in the wine, showing a NV-Champagne-like nose as well as a lager-like, yeasty quality. This is a richer style of Vinho Verde. It has an exotic tinge to it with some attractive oxidation and very nice concentration” – Wine Enthusiast.

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