

DOMINGOS
SOARES FRANCO®
COLEÇÃO PRIVADA
*Moscatel Roxo
de Setúbal*

2002

HISTORY

Domingos Soares Franco is the younger brother in the sixth generation of the family that has run José Maria da Fonseca since its foundation in 1834. As both Vice-President and senior winemaker of the company Domingos has become a prominent figure in the field of Portuguese winemaking. This status is also from the fact that Domingos was the first Portuguese to graduate in Fermentation Sciences from the University of California at Davis, USA. This achievement is important in the influence it has had on his view of vines and wines: although intending to maintain the distinctive features of Portuguese wines he is constantly looking to the future, seeking innovation whenever possible. Although all José Maria da Fonseca's wines are of his making, some are particularly special to him labelled "Domingos Soares Franco Private Collection". They are the result of three factors: his studies at Davis, the influence of his uncle António and his father and his access to 650 hectares of José da Fonseca vineyard and the diverse grape varieties planted there – a unique collection in Portugal. This collection serves rather like a palette of colours in the hand of an artist; allowing Domingos to experiment with a number of grape varieties. He created an exquisite dessert wine produced from the Moscatel grape variety in its purple version: the Moscatel Roxo. This grape variety is extremely rare and was even risking extinction; its unique purple colour, aroma and palate makes the distinction from the white Moscatel variety.

THE WINEMAKER

Domingos Soares Franco, vice-president is the youngest of the two representatives of the sixth generation of the family that manages José Maria da Fonseca. He studied in Davis, California, and started working at José Maria da Fonseca in 1980. Since then, he has introduced several changes into the wines produced by this company, becoming one of the most innovative new-generation winemakers in Portugal. As a winemaker, his first major influence was undoubtedly that of his father Fernando Soares Franco. His uncle, António Porto Soares Franco, a man of great vision, also influences him tremendously, among other important achievements, he deserves to be recognized as the creator of Lancers, one of the best known Portuguese wines around the world and José Maria da Fonseca's first international "best seller".



Setúbal Península

Domingos Soares Franco Private Collection assembles wines that show his creative and innovator spirit, originated in his wine culture passion.

REVIEWS

1998 Vintage:

Decanter Wine Awards 2008 - **Silver Medal** / VIII Edition Concurso de Vinhos da Península de Setúbal 2008 - **Best Wine in Competition**

1999 Vintage

X Edition Concurso de Vinhos da Península de Setúbal 2010 – **Gold Medal for fortified wines**

2001 Vintage:

"The Best of 2010", Revista de Vinhos
Best of Portugal Award for Moscatel de Setúbal

2004 Vintage:

Revista de Vinhos – **17 pts** / International Competition "Muscats du Monde 2013" - **Silver Medal**

2005 Vintage:

Wine Advocate – **88 pts**

VINTAGE INFORMATION

Classification: D.O.C Moscatel Roxo

Type: Moscatel de Setúbal Roxo

Region: Setúbal Península

Type of Soil: Lime and clay

Wine Production: 11.000 Litres

Tasting Notes:

Color: Amber with reddish tints
Aroma: Roses, tangerine, honey, some nuts, caramel
Palate: Very fruity, very elegant and smooth, good consistency and good acidity
Finish: Very long

Vinification: Fermentation stops by adding brandy. There was a skin contact time until February/March

Ageing: In used oak. No ageing in bottle is necessary, because it does not improve after bottling.

Date of Bottling: December 2017

Analyses:

Alcohol – 17.5 %
Total Acidity – 4.1 g/l tartaric acid
pH – 3.26
Residual Sugar - 198 g/l

Serving Suggestions: As an aperitif at a temperature of 10°C or at 16°C as a dessert wine. This wine may through sediment.

Storage: The bottles should be laid down at a temperature of 12°C and 60% humidity.

Shelf life: Many years

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