

# COLEÇÃO *Domingos Soares Franco* PRIVADA

## SAUVIGNON BLANC

2017



Setúbal Península

The harvest of 2017, with all the adversities of drought and extreme heat, is showing an exceptional quality in white wines, very close or even superior to 2011 harvest.

## 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 enology and viticulture. This status is not derived solely from his connection to this prestigious Vila Nogueira de Azeitão company. It 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.

Labelled "Domingos Soares Franco Private Collection", these are all varietal wines. With the same enthusiasm and passion with which he has developed his latest experiences, he presents again the Coleção Privada Sauvignon Blanc.

José Maria da Fonseca is the oldest and one of the most prestigious wineries in Portugal, producing wines, Port and Setúbal Moscatel. The Soares Franco family owns José Maria da Fonseca and has been involved in the wine business for almost 200 years. With over 650 hectares of land under vine in our main wine regions: Península de Setúbal, Alentejo and Douro, José Maria Fonseca also boasts Portugal's largest winery, with capacity to produce 6.5 million litres of wine in a totally computerised operation.

## THE WINEMAKER

Domingos Soares Franco 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 the first Portuguese rosé "Faísca" and later the another called "Lancers", which still one of the best known Portuguese wines around the world and José Maria da Fonseca's first international "best seller".

## VINTAGE INFORMATION

**Classification:** Regional Península de Setúbal

**Type:** White

**Grape varieties:** Sauvignon Blanc (100%)

**Region:** Península de Setúbal

**Vineyard Área:** 1.6 ha

**Type of soil:** Clay-Lime

**Wine production:** 2.200 Litres

### Tasting Notes:

**Colour:** Yellow citrus

**Aroma:** White asparagus, lime, a little bit of honeysuckle, tropical, balanced and elegant

**Palate:** Very fruity but with softness, good acidity and good finish

**Finish:** Long

**Vinification:** Fermented must in stainless steel at 16°C

**Date of bottling:** July 2018

### Analyses:

Alcohol – 13.9 %

Total Acidity – 5.4 g/l as tartaric acid

pH – 3.49

**Serving suggestions :** Should be served at a temperature of 14/15°C.

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

**Shelf life:** 5 years after bottling.

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