



The Daily Drinker

2015 Castelao Serra Mae, Sociedade Vinicola de Palmela

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Wine Variety: Castelao is the most widely planted grape variety in Portugal, grown mainly in the south of the country. It produces wine of a variety of styles and is an occasional port grape. It thrives in sandy soils. It is an ancient grape, first recorded in text in the mid-16th century.

Wine Region: The Vinho Regional described as 'Peninsula de Setubal' actually covers the coastal area south of Lisbon, and the river Tejo, approximately 100km square, until it runs into the Alentejo further inland. Generally, this area is heavily influenced by water, both rivers and the Atlantic; this provides a cooling influence to what would be a mediterranean environment. At the real heart of this region are the municipality of Setubal, and the neighbouring town of Palmela, around which are based the DOC areas of 'Moscatel de Setubal' and 'Palmela'. These are actually overlapping land areas between the estuaries of the river Tejo (to the North) and the river Sado (to the South). The mostly flat, and very free-draining, sandy soils are a remnant of this area being, historically, under water (as one large estuary area). There are a few pockets of hills towards the Sado river, which provide alternative soils (clay and limestone) from which interesting blends can be made.













Wine Producer: Although started by a group of growers, SIVIPA is now the company name enveloping all wines made by the Cordoso family. Although Filipe is in control as winemaker, vineyards are still owned and maintained by his siblings and cousins, distributed as inheritance from previous generations. The main winery is that of Quinta do Piloto, in Palmela. This winery, along with its concrete fermentation vessels, dates back beyond that of SIVIPA, as it has been in the Cordoso family for 3 generations. Their 400 hectares of vines can mainly be found on the flat, sandy soils of the peninsula, to the East of Palmela. Here they have some fantastic (and some very old) Castelao. They also have some mixed soils and higher altitude sites closer to the hill on which the castle sits; here they have more of their Moscatel, both Alexandria and Roxo.

Single Bottle **£15.00**

member price: £13.50

Six Bottle Case **£90.00**

member price: £81.00

 Style: Red - medium-bodied	 Grape Variety: Castelao	 Producer: Sociedade Vinicola de Palmela	 Serving Temperature: 16°C
 Alcohol Content: 13.5%	 Country: Portugal	 Appellation: Palmela	 Drink By: 2019
 Bottle Size: 75cl	 Region: Setubal Peninsula	 Colour: Still Red	 Food: BBQ Beef Casseroles and Stews Lamb Vegetables

Tasting Notes:

A really good set of aromas here that marry full ripeness with very Old World complexity. I find domestic-dark aromas of cherry and raspberry nuanced by a nuttiness that adds complexity. And the palate offers a delightful elegance, the dark fruit complimented by fine tannins and a mineral component. This is a wine that shows a touch of its maturity in its relaxed nature, but would be a fine thing on the table. Delicious!

#3wordtastingnote: nutty, cherry, elegance

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