



# TASTING EXPERIENCE

BY CASA DO VALLE



## WINE TASTING

The unique characteristics of Sintra's Colares wines are due to the combination of grape varieties, soil, and temperate and humid climate in the summer, and to the fact that the vineyards are installed on a sandy ground or dug deep down into hard soil. The sandy soils protected the vines from phylloxera when the rest of Europe and Portugal was hit by the plague, which is why the Colares vineyards of the Ramisco grape variety, are among the oldest in Portugal, dating back from 1255.

All of the vineyards and cellars that we suggest for you to visit are accessible by public transportation and have various beautiful hikes and bike routes around them to make it a full or a half day outing.

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# CASAL SANTA MARIA

Located in the area of Colares, only 2 kms from Cabo da Roca, the westernmost point of continental Europe, is the farm of Casal Santa Maria, a pre 1755 estate with a new lease of life with a classic refinement; the perfect place to appreciate exquisite wines while enjoying the magnificent views over the region and to the sea. Here local wines such Malvasia e Ramisco (Colares DOC) are produced alongside other national and international grapes, like Chardonnay, Sauvignon Blanc, Petit Manseng, Touriga Nacional, Merlot, and Pinot Noir.

Due to the soil of the region that gets its characteristic from the Atlantic climate and seawinds, these wines are of an incredible quality that are winning national and international awards. Their wine Mar de Rosas was distinguished as the best rosé wine of Portugal.

The visit here begins with a pleasant walk in the nearest vineyards, passes in the wine cellars, the beautiful and scented rose garden with over a hundred different roses – and finalizes with a tasting with breath-taking views.

- Options of 1h30 or 2h00 visits. Snacks, lunch and dinner are options with pre-reservation

*Refined, award-winning wines  
with a view*





*Oldest Co-op in the Country*

## ADEGA REGIONAL DE COLARES

Adega Regional de Colares is an important part of culture and identity of not only the Colares region, but of the whole of Sintra. Founded in 1931, it is the oldest cooperative wine cellar in Portugal, and unites most of the small producers of wines that carry the recognized label of Colares Wine.

The impressive building with its facade of beautiful tiles is hard to miss by those who visit Colares, and its magnificent interior full of huge barrels creates an ideal ambient for an interesting visit and tasting.

The whole winemaking process of the famous and historic Colares Wine from the crushing of the grapes to the aging of the wines, until they are ready for drinking, is explained to the visitor.

- Visit: 45 mins

# ADEGA VIÚVA GOMES

Entering the building of the wine cellars of Adega Viúva Gomes, founded over 200 years ago in 1808, is like entering a periodic film from days gone by. These cellars are in Almoçageme, Colares, and the wines that are produced here are characteristic of the region, vibrant, fresh yet salty, light in body and a bit acidic, typical of the wines of either hard soil or sand – so close to the ocean, and with the influence of both the sea winds and the Sintra mountain.

The grapes used for the production are the local Colares DOC Ramisco and Malvasia but also other Portuguese grapes, like Castelão, Aragonez, Fernão Pires, Arinto and Seara Nova.

The visit to Adega Viúva Gomes includes not only the tasting of some of the most emblematic Colares wines, but also getting to know the history of the farm and its wines, learning about the production process and getting a few professional tips on how to taste and appreciate a good wine. Experiences of traditional wine crushing on foot and visits to the vineyards are available for groups upon demand.

- Visit: 1h/1h30. Portuguese cheeses and charcutarie with local bread are an added option with pre-reservation.



*Wines that taste like Sintra*

*Rediscovering the old wines and  
wineculture of Cheleiros*

## MANZWINE

The small vineyard Manzwine is located in the neighbouring Mafra, which is not only known for its monumental convent, but also for its beautiful countryside with rolling hills, full of agricultural traditions.

The Manzwine project is based on the recovery of the history, tradition, and ancient wineculture of Vila de Cheleiros. They produce premium wines from local grape varieties, such as the famous, almost forgotten, traditional Jampal grape, but also grow grapes that are natural to the Setúbal Peninsula and the Alto Douro wine region.

The quality of all of these wines is notable, and evident in the growing exports. The visit begins in the wine cellar, where the guide explains the production process of the wines, and ends with a tasting of the wines, accompanied by the delicious Mafra bread – in a relaxed atmosphere that gives the feeling of visiting old friends.

- Visit: 1h00



# CRAFT BEER TASTING

The art of craft beer is gaining popularity in Sintra. New breweries and a large variety of good quality beers are emerging, and new establishments are opening doors.

Enter this adventure through the world of craft beer. After all, there are many good beers in Sintra, as well as places to drink them (including a view of the Serra de Sintra).

***Ask us about our Bike & Brew experiences!***





# PATO BREWING

*Naturally, good beer*

Cerveja Pato Brewing is a passion project and a fulfilment of a dream of the founders, great appreciators of beer. There are eight recipes of this vegan beer, eight beers full of character, and all are produced with no additives whatsoever, here everything is natural!

They make 4 very different, high quality beers regularly, with no filtration chemicals or added preservatives. With core products and an expanding and changing roster of seasonal beers, Pato Brewery seeks to provide a flavour that suits everyone, from the craft beer veteran to the excited newcomer.

During the tasting, the visitors are introduced to the factory, the brewing process, the ingredients, and of course, the beers themselves as they get to taste the produce of the brewery.





# HOPSIN BREWPUB

*Colares is the place to find the craft beers in Sintra!*

This brewery and pub of award winning craft beer is located in the old garage of the historic trams of Praia das Maçãs, and in addition to local and national craft beers, has a variety of local snacks to go with the beer. You can tour the small brewery and enjoy a beer tasting workshop in the Pub, learning the secrets to proper beer tasting!

Beer enthusiasts can try the three varieties of Mag8 beers that are produced on the property: Black Sparrow is a dark beer with a hint of cacao and coffee; Seteais is a fresh IPA with tropical and citric notes originating from the American hops; and Colares, which is a Pale Ale that stands out for the citrus flavours of the orchards of Sintra. The Hopsin Pub also carries a variety of seasonal artisanal beers,

A visit worth making! We can also organize the tasting workshop for you on our premises.





Try combining various activities, blending adventure, cultural discovery, gastronomic experiences and relaxation.



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### Ask Us About Our Experiences!



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