

BEST BUYS

PORTUGUESE WHITES

Portuguese whites often have low alcohol and are slightly effervescent, ideal for summer sipping.. Most are blends of two or more grapes chosen from a multiplicity of grapes: Alvarinho, Loureiro, Pederma, Trajadura , Azal, Verdelho, Firnao Pires, Arinto, Avesso, Rabigato, Malvasia, Vioshinho, Gouveio, Siria, Vital, Encruzado, Cercial, Moscatel, and occasionally Sauvignon Blanc or Chardonnay. Vinho Verd is the most common Portuguese white, Vinho Verde is the geographical region, but it also means “Green Wine”, referring to it’s youth and freshness, not the color. Pronounced “Veen-oh Vair-day” in the U.S. and “Veen-yo Vaird “by the Portuguese.

TOTAL WINE & MORE (TW&M)

Over 80 stores in WA, CA, AZ, NV, TX, NJ, DL, ML, VA, GA, NC, SC, FL

85 \$5 Casal Garcia Vinho Verde nv. \$5 TW&M. \$6 MSRP. \$5-\$14 wine-searcher. Best Buy WE 85. WS 78. Good Value W&S. TW&M 4 stars (2 reviews). “One of a handful of wines to have appeared in all three editions of *The Wine Trials*...wonderfully clean, with citrus dominating” *The Wine Trials 2012*..

85 \$6+ Gazela (Sogrape) Vinho Verde nv (dry; spritzzy; low alcohol 9%; Loureiro). \$5 Astor. \$6 K&L. \$6.49 TW&M (FL). \$7 Sh-L. \$3-\$12 wine-searcher. WW 88. GdP 83. TW&M 4 stars (1 review). “Delicious” CheapSkatesWineGuide.wordpress.com. “One of the best cheap white wines” WineKick.com. “Prickly summer wine bargain alert... one of the best cheap white wines out there” WineKick.com/blog. Recommended by *World Wine Review* on youtube.com.

87 \$6+ Aveleda (not the better Quinta de Aveleda label) Vinho Verde (formerly Fonte) 2012 (screw cap; effervescent; low alcohol 8.5%; Loureiro-Trajadura-Arinto). \$6.79 TW&M. \$8 B&M/MSRP. C\$8 LCBO. \$6-\$10.49 wine-searcher. W&S 88. RP 87. “Best Buy” WE 86. Commended IWC 13. **HOT BUY.**

85 \$8 Gazela (Sogrape) Vinho Verde nv (dry; low alcohol 9%; Loureiro) . \$5 Astor. \$6 K&L. \$8 B&M/TW&M. C\$9 LCBO. \$3-\$12 wine-searcher. WW 88. GdP 83. “Prickly summer wine bargain alert... one of the best cheap white wines out there” WineKick.com/blog. Recommended by *World Wine Review* on youtube.com.

86 \$9 Grao Vasco (Sogrape) White Dao 11 (Bical-Cercial-MalvasiaFina-Encruzado). \$9 TW&M (Winery Direct). “Above average, arly excellent” ABCWineReviews. Snooth.com 3.5 stars (4 reviews).

88 \$10 Quinta da Alveleda (not the lesser Aveleda label) Estate Bottled Vinho Verde 12 (slightly spritzzy). \$9 K&L. \$10 TW&M (Winery Direct). \$9 MSRP. W&S 92. “Best Buy” WE 90. **WBB 88.** RP 87. WS 87. W&S 87. GdP 87 & 85. **HOT BUY.**

BEVERAGES & MORE BevMo (B&M) over 130 stores in CA and NV

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86 \$9 Broadbent Vinho Verde nv (slightly spritzzy). \$9 B&M. \$10 wine.com. \$11 MSRP. RP 87 & 85. WS 86 & 85. W&S 85. **WBB 86.** WW 92. “Clean and balanced with pleasant texture and lively cirrus flavors” NY Times 2 stars. Wine.com 3.5 stars (17 reviews)

85+ \$11 Alianca Vinho Branco Vinho Verde 12 (slightly spritzzy; low alcohol 10%; Azal-Pederma-Trajadura-Loureiro). \$11 B&M. RP 87. “Best Buy” WE 85. **WBB 86.** WW 88. CellarTracker 82.5 (3 ratings). WineAlign.com 4.0 stars/5 (3 reviews). “Perfect quencher for a summer day” blog.PremierGroup.net.

88 \$15 Aveleda Alvarinho Vinhos Regional Minho 10 . \$10 K&L. \$15 B&M. “Best Buy” WE 91. W&S 90. WS 86. Wine-searcher 89. CellarTracker 87.4 (13 ratings).

TRADER JOES (TrJ) 367 stores in 31 states (largest wine retailer in CA)

85+ \$4 **Espirial Vinho Verde nv (med-dry)**. \$4 TrJ. "One of my favorite summer wines" TheGroceryStoreWino.com. "My idea of summer wine...delicious...at that price, it is a steal" TheWineGetter.com. "Fairly decent representative of the genre... refreshing...crisp" WhatsGoodAtTraderJoes.com.

K&L San Francisco, Redwood City and Los Angeles, CA

"Best wine web site in the US" *The Wall Street Journal*

86 \$6 **Gazela (Sogrape) Vinho Verde nv (dry; spritzzy; low alcohol 9%; Loureiro)**. \$5 Astor. \$6 K&L. \$6.49 TW&M (FL). \$7 Sh-L. \$3-\$12 wine-searcher. WW 88. GdP 83. TW&M 4 stars (1 review). "Light, fresh and straightforward with floral and lemon aromas and flavors" NY Times 6/27/13. "Delicious" CheapSkatesWineGuide.wordpress.com. "One of the best cheap white wines" WineKick.com. "Prickly summer wine bargain alert... one of the best cheap white wines out there" WineKick.com/blog. Recommended by *World Wine Review* on youtube.com.

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86 \$9 **Caves Messias Sentola "Crab Wine" Vinho Verde nv (med-dry; spritzzy; low alcohol 9%; Loureiro-Pederna)**. \$9 K&L. \$11 MSRP. \$6-\$12 wine-searcher. WE 85. "The best selling Vinho Verde the shop has ever had, and for good reason" SeaBoardWine.com. Recommended by BostonPhoenix.com

88 \$10 **Aveleda Alvarinho Vinhos Regional Minho 10**. \$10 K&L. \$15 B&M. "Best Buy" WE 91. W&S 90. WS 86. Wine-searcher 89. CellarTracker 87.4 (13 ratings). **HOT BUY**.

88 \$12 **Adega de Moncao Muralhas de Moncao Vinho Verde 11 (70%Alvarinho-30%Trajadura)**. \$12 K&L (out of stock). W&S 91. WS 87. Bronze IWC 12. Commended Decanter 12.

87 \$12 **Caves Velhas Arinto Bucelas 07**. \$12 K&L (found only at K&L). WE 87. UWS 87 (90PlusWines.com).

88 \$15 **Felipe Pato FP Branco Beiras 11 (dry; Bical-Arinto)**. \$15 K&L. \$13-\$16 wine-searcher. JR 16+ (=88+). Wine-searcher 88.

88 \$15 **Quinta do Pinto Vinhas do Lasso Branco Lisboa 08 (50%Fernaopires-50%Arinto)**. \$15 K&L. RP 88. JR 16 (=88). Silver Decanter 11. Bronze IWC 10.

87 \$17 **PV Vinhos Egle Branco Douro 10 (60%Rabigato-20%Viosinho-15%Larinho-5%Other)**. \$17 K&L/MSRP. \$15-\$17 wine-searcher. WE 88. JR 15.5 (=86).

THE WINE CLUB, San Francisco, CA

Largest wine merchant west of the Mississippi, per their web site

86+ \$9 **Vera Vinho Verde 12 (screw cap)**. \$9 WClub. \$10 Sh-L. \$11 MSRP. \$8-\$14 wine-searcher. "Minerally and bright-tasting with good structure behind cherry and white plum flavors with plenty of spiciness on the finish" WS 85. "Fresh and lively, with clean, lingering mineral and citrus flavors" NY Times 2.5 stars/5. "Bone-dry, but still low-in-alcohol sipper... citric essences with just a snap of spritz" NY Post 7/2 12. "Nice white...good value" CellarTracker (1 review)..

ZACHYS, Scarsdale, NY

One of the country's largest wine selections, according to Zachys

88 \$10 **Casa do Valle Grande Escolha Vinho Verde 10 (Alvarinho)**. \$10 Zachys (found only at Zachys). \$10 MSRP. #46 Top 100 Best Buys of 2011 WE 90. Wine-An Essence do Vinhos Portugal 17 (=90). Revista do Vinhos Portugal 15 (=84). WineAlign.com 4.3 stars (4 reviews). **HOT BUY**.

88+ \$14 **Quinta do Ameal Loureiro Vinho Verde 09**. \$14 Zachys (found only at Zachys). Best Buy WE 90. JR 16 (=88). CellarTracker 88 (13 ratings). WS 87. **HOT BUY**.

WINE.COM Online and Retail Outlet in Berkeley, CA

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SHERRY-LEHMANN, New York City (most wines priced at or near MSRP)

86+ \$7 Gazela (Sogrape) Vinho Verde 11 (low alcohol 9%; screw cap; Loureiro-Peferna-Trajadura-Azal). \$7 Sh-L. \$5-\$7 wine-searcher. CellarTracker 86.5 (40 ratings). “Light, fresh and straightforward with floral and lemon aromas and flavors” NY Times 6/27/13.

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87 \$9 Vidigal Shocking Green Vinho Verde 11 (low alcohol 9%; Alvarinho-Loureiro-Arinto). \$9 Sh-L. \$7-\$12 wine-searcher. WS 85. Top pick Vinho Verde by NY Times tasting panel 2.5 stars 7/3/13. Silver MundusVini Germany 09. **HOT BUY.**

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ASTOR – New York City

86+ \$4 Ponte da Barca Este Vinho Verde 11. \$4 Astor (out of stock). “Best Value...tart and fresh with pleasing, long-lasting flavors of lemon and apples” NY Times 2.5 stars 7/3/13

85+ \$5 Gazela (Sogrape) Vinho Verde nv (dry; spritzzy; low alcohol 9%; Loureiro). \$5 Astor. \$6 K&L. \$6.49 TW&M (FL). \$7 Sh-L. \$3-\$12 wine-searcher. WW 88. GdP 83. TW&M 4 stars (1 review). “Delicious” CheapSkatesWineGuide.wordpress.com. “One of the best cheap white wines” WineKick.com. “Prickly summer wine bargain alert... one of the best cheap white wines out there” WineKick.com/blog. Recommended by *World Wine Review* on youtube.com.

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87 \$10 Casa do Valle Vinho Verde 12 (Arinto-Loureiro-Azal). \$10 Astor. \$10 MSRP. Best Buy WE 87. Vinopedia.com 85. Silver New York 13.

Legend and Abbreviations

AG=Anthony Gismondi, Vancouver, Canada; AWS=American Wine Society Wine Competition; BCLS=British Columbia Liquor Stores, Canada; B&M=BevMo Beverages & More; BTI=Beverage Testing Institute, Chicago, IL; CA=California State Fair Wine Competition; CG=Connoisseurs Guide; CGV=California Grapevine; DA=Dallas Int'l Wine Competition; East=Int'l Eastern Wine Competition; FLakes=Finger Lakes Wine Competition; FTLOP=ForTheLoveOfPort.com; HH=Hilton Head Int'l Wine Competition; Indy=Indiana Int'l Wine Competition; IWC=Int'l Wine Challenge, UK (world's largest wine competition); IWR=Int'l Wine Review; JG=Jamie Goode, WineAnorak.com (UK); JJB=JJ Buckley (online and retail in Oakland, CA); LB=Long Beach Wine Competition; LCBO=Liquor Control Board of Ontario, Canada; Lodi=Lodi Wine Competition; Ludwig's, San Rafael, CA; MRSP=Manufacturer's Suggested Retail Price (price at the winery); NM=Natalie MacLean, Ontario, Canada; NW=New World Int'l Wine Competition; NY=New York Int'l Wine Competition; PR=Pacific Rim Int'l Wine Competition; RP=Robert Parker (Wine Advocate); RS=Riverside Wine Competition; SD=San Diego Wine Competition; SFC=San Francisco Chronicle Wine Competition. SFI=San Francisco Int'l Wine Competition; Sh-L=Sherry-Lehmann Wines & Spirits, NY, NY; SN=Sonoma Harvest Fair Wine Competition; ST=Stephen Tanzer; SWJ=Sonoma Wine Journal; TA=TonyAspler.com (Toronto, Canada); TG=Tasters Guild Wine Competition; TOR=Toronto Int'l Wine Competition; TP=The Tasting Panel; TW&M=Total Wines & More (WA,CA, AZ, NV, TX, NJ, DL, ML, VA, NC, SC, GA, FL); TrJ=Trader Joes; WBB=WineBestBuys rating; WBIB=Wine Blue Book; WClub=The Wine Club, San Francisco; WCC=Wine Currents, Canada; WE=Wine Enthusiast; WN=Wine News; WS=Wine Spectator; W&S=Wine & Spirits; WW=Wilfred Wong (BevMo); Wy=Winery; Zachys=Zachys Wine & Liquor, Scarsdale, NY.

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