

## Carmo Vinhos Wines

### Portugal - Madeira

Carmo Vinhos wines are produced at Henriques & Henriques Vinhos S. A., founded by João Gonçalves Henriques in 1850. The Carmo Vinhos branch of the company was established in 1928 to ship Madeira wine to Sweden.

Following the death of their father, brothers Francisco Eduardo and João Joaquim Henriques continued the family business and began bottling their wines, which had previously only been sold in bulk. When João Joaquim passed away in 1968 (with no heirs), he left the company to his three friends and partners: Alberto Nascimento Jardim, Peter Cossart and Carlos Nunes Pereira. Peter went on to produce 53 vintages for the company, and his son John Cossart runs Henriques and Henriques today.

In June 1992, Henriques & Henriques took on a massive expansion project, investing 5 million euro in new offices, laboratory, tasting room, store front in Câmara de Lobos, and new winemaking facilities in Quinta Grande. The basement of the Câmara de Lobos facility houses various sizes of stainless-steel tanks for storage and blending.

In 1995, they planted a new 10-hectare vineyard at Quinta Grande, becoming the only Madeira producer to own vineyards.

Madeira lies isolated in the Atlantic some 400 miles west of the Moroccan coast. Its volcanic soil and sub-tropical climate produce grapes with flavors that are particularly intense and individual. The varied and distinctive styles of Madeira wine owe much of their character to gentle heating by the unique "estufa" process.

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