

Venancio da Costa Lima

Portugal - Setúbal Peninsula

Venâncio “da Costa Lima”, as he was known, was born in 1892 in the town of Quinta do Anjo. In 1914, he founded the Casa Agrícola Venâncio da Costa Lima, in Quinta do Anjo, on the Setubal Peninsula, making it one of the oldest wineries in the Palmela region.

During its formative years, his company sold wine, olive oil and grain, but they later specialized exclusively in the production and sale of wine. Between the 1930's and 1950's, Venâncio da Costa Lima was the second largest wine producer in the region. Venâncio became a highly recognized and esteemed person in the region, holding positions in his local and regional government (including mayor of Palmela from 1937-1946). He passed away on November 1, 1956, at the age of 64. Because he was childless, he bequeathed the winery to his six nieces and nephews who, from that time on, specialized in producing the region's wines (Moscatel, red and white).

Having passed through four generations, this winery remains a family business, owned today by the Vida family. They produce 300,000 9-liter cases annually. They are in the process of rebuilding the entire production area. Venâncio da Costa Lima has been recognized as producer of the "Best Muscat in the World" (Muscats du Monde 2011).

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