

# Fílipa Páto 2022 Nossa Calcario Baga Bairrada

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| WineWise Code                       | PF-PQB23   |
| Country                             | Portugal   |
| Region                              | Beiras   |
| Color/Style                         | Red  |
| De-stemming %                       | Partial  |
| Fermentation vessel                 | Vat upright  |
| Additional fermentation notes:      | Maceration: Partly in lagar and partly in wooden vats.<br>Punchdown<br>Fermentation duration: 1 week in lagar, 4 weeks in wood vat   |
| Aging Vessel                        | 100% Cask  |
| Aging duration                      | 18 months  |
| Filtered?                           | No   |
| Fining Agent                        | None   |
| Yeast protocol                      | Native   |
| Malolactic conversion               | Yes  |
| Additional maturation details:      | Lees contact: 9 months   |
| Added sulfur                        | Yes, 15 mg/L   |
| Varieties                           | 100% Baga  |
| pH                                  | 3.46   |
| Residual sugar                      | 0.7  |
| ABV                                 | 12.5   |
| Acidity                             | 5.72 Tartaric  |
| Closure type                        | Natural cork   |
| Annual production                   | 4590 bottles   |
| Soil types                          | Calcareous, Loam   |
| Elevation                           | 100  |
| Vine age                            | 40   |
| Vine yields                         | 40 hl/ha   |
| Farming Practices                   | Certified organic, certified biodynamic  |
| Harvest method                      | Manual harvest   |
| Other interesting vineyard details: | The different small plots for this wine come from 3 centenary Baga vineyards (100-140 years old) with a very strong Atlantic influence (only 15 km from the ocean). We bought these vineyards a few years ago, and they are now fully biodynamic. They benefit from the rising sun on mid-slope hills with soil composed of Lower Jurassic limestone. The soil has superb clays on the inner surface, and the higher part is much whiter and marl-rich, which slows down the vegetative cycle. This gives the wine a unique and exceptional balance! |

## WineWise Notes on Producer:

There are few rules when it comes to building a portfolio, but one gold standard is that if you start with quality, you will attract more of the same. Filipa is good friends with Alvaro Castro and Mário Sérgio (not to mention Heidi Schröck), Vasco Croft loves her wines, and you can guess the rest. This daughter of legendary Bairrada producer Luis Pato began by producing wines in the larger appellation of Beiras (and the Dão). She purchased a small winery in Bairrada, which she has now significantly expanded (by digging downwards!). Eventually, it is assumed, she will reunite with her father's estate, but, in the meantime, she has carved a big international name for herself by dint of her strikingly expressive and honest wines, so reflective of her own character. Joined now by her husband, renowned Belgian sommelier Willem Wouters, they have enthusiastically embraced the rigours of bio-dynamism. They have been steadily buying up new parcels of land, all within 10 km. of the home-base, some planted to old vines, others being replanted with massal selections. The estate is up to 15 hectares now, with a final goal of 22. As you can see, they constantly sell out.

## Producer Notes:

Constantly high scores by international reviewers, the last one 92/100 by Decanter - Wines for the week: August 2023

## WineWise Notes:

It is truly gratifying to reflect that the market recognises Baga as a major grape so that we are now able to offer, when available, four expressions of it from this house (together with several from Quinta das Bageiras) without saturating it! From their most prized parcels in the home commune of Ois do Bairro, this is a sanguine, coiled and febrile wine with all the potential of a top burgundy.

