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WINE:	Casa de Vila Verde Vinho Verde
TYPE:	White Wine
DENOMINATION:	Vinho Verde DOC
VINTAGE:	2006
GRAPE VARIETY:	Trajadura, Loureiro
COUNTRY:	Portugal

The Estate: Located in the town of Lousada in the Vinho Verde region, Casa de Vila Verde is one of Portugal's oldest estates. The same family has been producing wine on the estate since the middle of the 17th century. The winery was completely modernized in 1996, adapting advanced technologies to the traditions of the region. The winery currently has 40 hectares under cultivation characterized by granitic soil, poor in organic matter and slightly acidic. Unlike many Vinho Verdes currently on the market which are non-vintage and coop produced, Casa de Vila Verde is a true estate wine. All grapes are grown at the winery, and the different grape varieties are harvested individually taking into consideration the climate, soil type and ripeness of each. Each year this special wine is produced from the best combination of the different varietals. The result is a Vinho Verde that is more complex and elegant than anything else in its category.

Vinification: The grapes are fermented for 10-15 days in stainless steel vats at temperatures below 20°C. After 10 days of stabilization at -2°C, the wine is lightly filtered and bottled.

Press:

Wine Enthusiast, April 2008 (2006 vin) - 88 Points

Food & Wine 2008 Wine Guide, (2006 Vintage)

TWO STARS**

Wine Enthusiast, July 2006 (2005 vin) - 89 Points

Wine Spectator, Dec 2005 (2004 vin),

Top Annual Picks "Best Value" 87 Points: *"Fresh, firm white, with green peach, citrus and spice flavors. Well-structured, with a burst of mineral and orange marmalade on the finish."*

Wine Enthusiast, March 2005 (2003 vintage), 86 Points "Best Buy": *"Very nice Vinho Verde, with fresh, green apple and lime aromas and a clean, crisp finish. Maybe a little fuller and plumper than is typical, but it is still balanced, with no shortage of apple and citrus fruit."*

Tasting Notes: Bright green color with young and intense floral aromas. The wine has a dry and fresh palate, with an elegant finish. Lots of tropical fruit flavors add a distinctive character. This wine is far more complex than most Vinho Verdes on the market.



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