

João Portugal Ramos

Marquês de Borba



WINE:	Marquês de Borba
TYPE:	White Wine
DENOMINATION:	Alentejo DOC
VINTAGE:	2008
GRAPE VARIETY:	Arinto, Rabo de Ovelha and Roupeiro
COUNTRY:	Portugal

The Estate: João Portugal Ramos is one of Portugal's most internationally-renowned enologists. His state-of-the-art winery is set amidst 140 acres of rolling vineyards near Estremoz, a hill town in the Alentejo district of Borba. The vines were originally planted in 1990 and the winery, completed in 2001, is a marvel of tradition as well as innovation with a sophisticated laboratory and modern fermentation equipment, but also stone lagars for crushing grapes underfoot. The cellars hold 750 barriques, including French, Portuguese, American and Slovenian cooperage, in naturally cool temperatures.

Vinification: These estate grapes are handpicked in the early morning to capture freshness. Fermented cool in stainless steel and then aged in tank without any wood treatment.

Press: Wine Spectator, (2008 vintage) **86 Points**: Medium-bodied, with green apple flavors and a hint of beeswax. The finish is crisp. Arinto, Rabo de Ovelha and Roupeiro. 7/31/09

Wine Enthusiast, (2007 vintage) **86 Points**: Fruity, full-bodied wine, with tropical fruits, pear and sweet orange flavors. The acidity is just right, but richness is where this is going. 7/08

eRobertParker.com, (2007 vintage): **85 Points**: It is bright and light, clean and friendly, an easy wine to drink that will be refreshing and laid back. 12/08

Wine Enthusiast, (2006 vintage) **87 Points**: Named after local nobility in the city of Borba, this is a popular brand in Portugal. In its white manifestation, the wine is soft, very clean, with pear and cinnamon flavors, the texture just moving toward fat, but working well as a food wine. 7/08

Wine Enthusiast (2005 vintage): **89 Points**, **"BEST BUY"**: Deliciously spicy and citrusy, this blend of Arinto, Rabi de Ovelha and Roupeiro is quickly becoming one of Portugal's go-to whites. 11/06



Tasting Notes: Pale straw yellow in color. On the nose, light citrus and mineral notes. Good structure and well-integrated acidity. Quality fruit and a long finish.