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BAIRRADA PORTUGAL

# KOMPASSUS

2017



**Kompassus:** João Pova has been producing wines in the DOC Bairrada since 1991 and started Kompassus in 2005 as a small boutique winery, focused on producing small batches of outstanding and unique wines. With vineyards over 70 years old, the winery practices sustainable viticulture in and organic production methods. Since 2012 the wines are made by one of the top winemakers in Portugal, Anselmo Mendes. Kompassus refers to the measurement between the row of vines which is 1.7 meters. This specific planting was first used by the Romans, and with such a small space between the rows, everything is done by hand.

**Tasting notes:** Deep purple color with mature dark fruits and mild aromas of dried spices. Elegant and medium-bodied. Well-balanced structure with firm tannins and a smooth long finish. A lighter style wine with lots of depth.

**Wine Makers:** Anselmo Mendes

**Appellation:** DOC Bairrada

**Grapes:** Baga (70%), Touriga Nacional (20%). The remaining 10% is Merlot, Tinto Cão and Cabernet Sauvignon.

**Soil:** Clay and limestone

**Vine Age:** 70+ years

**Yield:** 1.7 tons per acre

**Harvest Dates:** Middle of October

**Fermentation:** cold maceration and fermentation with wild yeast.

**pH:** 3.5 **RS:** <1.5 grams per liter **Alc:** 14.5 % **UPC:** 7 50428 22377 1



**D.O.C Bairrada:** Wine has been produced in Bairrada since the 10<sup>th</sup> century, but in the early centuries Bairrada wines were blended with port from the Douro region. This practice was terminated in 1756, but it has taken Bairrada nearly two centuries to recover and establish its own identity. Finally, in 1979 Bairrada was awarded its own D.O. status. Baga is the predominant.