

Welcome to

# Quinta de Catralvos

*When yours truly first visited the Quinta de Catralvos winery he was totally seduced – seduced by four elements: The warm welcome and royal treatment extended by Inês Beatriz and her brother-in-law Miguel Gonçalves, the great wines produced at the quinta, the fabulous food created by Chef Luís Baena, and the beautiful surroundings.*

**Q**uinta de Catralvos is a family owned vineyard started by Sr. Manuel Arroja Beatriz in 1984. In the old days the Arroja and Beatriz families were important families in and around São Brás de Alportel, producing cork sold to factories in the Lisbon area. Sr. Manuel's father decided to go into cork manufacturing rather than growing and moved to Montijo south of Lisbon on the Sétubal peninsula.

*Inês Beatriz invites all wine club members to try the delicious wines from the quinta*

The family prospered in their new surroundings and Sr. Manuel got an education as a construction engineer but kept in contact with the cork industry.

As many others in the Lisbon area, the Arrojas-Beatriz family acquired a holiday home in Sesimbra on the Costa Azul on the southwest corner of the Sétubal peninsula. In the early 80's Sesimbra became too crowded for Sr. Manuel and he started to look for a quieter place away from the coast in order to build an undisturbed holiday home.

In 1984 the family found their new holiday retreat – but things turned out very different from the original plan.

The holiday home was only completed a short while ago, instead a large modern winery was built together with a restaurant and guest rooms. New vines were grafted onto old vines and Sr. Manuel, daughter Inês and son-in-law Miguel were suddenly into wine production and rural tourism!!

The quinta has 25 hectares of vine and the property 'Monte da Charca' in Pegões, acquired in 1996, adds another 55 hectares. Resident winemaker Helió Rodrigues now produces several fine wines under the guidance of consultant winemaker Nuno Canela de Abreu who helped Quinta de Alorna in the Ribatejo rise to new successes and who also works for the Vila Galé group.

WineMine has chosen five of the wines from Quinta de Catralvos for you to enjoy, see description and prices on page 6. PKO



*The quinta is located a few kilometres from Azeitão just outside the beautiful Arrábida National Park. The mountains in the park can be seen in the background*

