Portuguese wines... that’s the topic longer and deeper than the Douro River because Portugal has been producing and drinking wine for thousand of years.

Soooo, pack your bags and get your glass ready for the best wine tours in Portugal and its greatest wine regions.

The best wine tours in Portugal

The best way to take you on these tours is to split Portugal up into their most known wine regions.

The country is carved up into many different wine regions, but I would like to introduce you to four of the most popular, which are:

- Vinho Verde;
- Douro Valley;
- Lisbon; and
- Alentejo.
Vinho Verde region (Minho region)

The Vinho Verde region (or Minho region) is located in the far north of Portugal, to the west of the Douro region. This region is bordered by the Minho River and the Atlantic coast. Most of the Vinho Verde region is a tor near sea level and is the largest in land surface, approximately 34,000 hectares (84,015 acres).

What wines are best known in this region?

The Vinho Verde region has become renowned for producing top quality sparkling wines. The wines are released three to six months after harvest which makes them fresh, of vibrant quality and youthfully fruity. These are called green wines (hence the name “vinho verde” in Portuguese).

You should try the following varieties:

Branco Vinho Verde

Branco Vinho Verde (which actually means White Green Wine) is a light-bodied white wine which often has a slight spritz and fruity, lemonade-like flavours with notes of melon or gooseberry.

Must-visit wineries in the Vinho Verde region

To really enjoy the wine in this region, here are the top wine tours in Portugal’s Vinho Verde region.

Quinta do Soalheiro

Quinta do Soalheiro has as a wine tasting room with optimal conditions for sampling of their white wine varieties. They are located in Melgaço, the most northern part of Portugal. Make a reservation on their site for an unforgettable experience.