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Garrafão 22 - Straight from mother's house

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The point of writing about a wine few will ever taste? No, it's not about bragging. Not at all. It's just that when a wine reaches such heights as the **Vinhos Barbeito 1875 Malvasia Garrafão no. 22**, I feel it's my god d-mn duty to tell the world why Madeira is the most breathtaking wine existing. Why there's nothing like the magic of a 139 years young wine. If it results in a few more out there having the fortune to taste the Garrafão no. 22, I know for sure that I'm not the only one completely mad about madeira wine!

The Vinhos Barbeito 1875 Malvasia Garrafão no. 2 is a legendary wine. Now comes the follow-up; demi-john no. 22. Bottled earlier this year, on the 12th of February 2014 to be more precise, and straight from Casa da Mãe, mother's house as Ricardo Diogo puts it.



Ricardo Diogo, Vinhos Barbeito

1875 obviously was a year for Malvasia. Besides the previous Barbeito bottling, there is also an 1875 Malvasia from d'Oliveiras still on the market. A monumental wine. The hearsay speaks about the same original source for the Barbeito and d'Oliveiras 1875 Malvasias; the Hinton family. Many of the British families that settled in Madeira were in the wine trade but just as many found their way to fortune in other trades. William Hinton and his son Henry Hinton for example, more or less held a monopoly of crushing sugar in their Funchal factory, helping them establishing the family's wealth.* It is believed that Mario Barbeito got the 1875 Malvasia from the Hinton family.

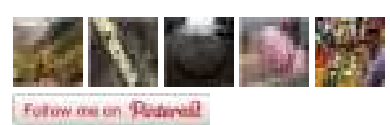


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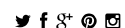
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