DOMINI is a remarkable and ambitious venture by Domingos Soares Franco, head winemaker and sixth generation family member at José Maria da Fonseca, one of Portugal’s best known and most highly regarded wine producers.

Starting in 1999, José Maria da Fonseca purchased land in Douro Superior and established long-term leases with growers in the Cima Corgo district of the Douro Valley, forming a combined total of seventy-seven acres of prime Douro Valley vineyards, source of the Domini wines. Vineyards are all planted with traditional Douro Valley grape varieties, such as Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca and Tinta Roriz, and comprise a mix of old vines as well as younger vines (ten to fifteen years). The objective was to create superb quality red wines, which have earned broad critical acclaim.

Domini and Domini Plus deftly illustrate the world-class potential and extraordinary versatility of Douro Valley grapes. The frequency of release of the Domini wines varies from vintage to vintage, depending on the individual climatic conditions of each harvest, in conjunction with the development and maturation of the vines.

**Domini**

- Dark fruit aromas with violets and cherry palate is fruity with soft tannins and good acidity. Aged 3 months in new oak.
- 48% Touriga Nacional, 30% Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo), and 22% Touriga Franca.
- **91 Points** – *Wine Enthusiast*, June 2014; **92 Points** – *Wine Enthusiast*, October 2013

**Domini Plus**

- This wine is smooth, concentrated and complex as a result of 8 months aging in new American oak barrels.
- 68% Touriga Franca, 22% Tinta Roriz (Tempranillo), and 10% Touriga Nacional.
José de Sousa Winery is an historic, prestigious estate established in 1878 and was purchased by José Maria de Fonseca in 1986. This fulfilled a long-held dream, to produce an Alentejo wine on an old and prestigious estate using traditional winemaking techniques.

The Monte de Ribeira estate that contains the winery and vineyard is comprised of 120 hectares, of which 72 are planted with vines. Keeping alive a tradition initiated by the Romans over 2000 years ago, the José de Sousa winery is equipped with 114 clay amphorae, a fermentation method as rare as it is old. The old cellars are below ground level and contain the urns and two open presses for treading the grapes. There is also a new winery equipped with 44 stainless steel vats and all the essential technology for making red and white wines.

This is the perfect place to witness the marriage of old and new and to learn more about these truly exceptional wines.

José de Sousa Red 47% Grand Noir, 33% Trincadeira & 20% Aragonês (Tempranillo) 93 Points – Wine Enthusiast, December 2014 #3 on Wine Enthusiast Top 100 in 2014.
Twin Vines

Wine Region: Vinho Verde DOC, Portugal  Date Established: 2006  Winemaker: Domingos Soares Franco

Twin Vines, from José Maria da Fonseca, was introduced as a refreshing white wine from the Vinho Verde DOC in northwest Portugal. It celebrates the May 2007 birth of twin daughters to António Maria Soares Franco Jr. Together they represent the newest members and 8th generation of the Soares Franco family, owners of this historic Portuguese wine company.

José Maria da Fonseca is one of Portugal’s premier wine producers. Since its inception in 1834, the Soares Franco family has shared a passion for winemaking that is evident in the high standards set for viticulture and vinification processes. The winery’s vision has always been to identify new opportunities in the ever-changing wine industry. Thus, the winery is enthused to present Twin Vines, a premier Vinho Verde bursting with expressive fruit flavors and vibrant acidity.

Vinho Verde is located in northwest Portugal extending from Vale da Cambra, south of the Douro river, to the Minho river on the border with Spain. This fertile region benefits from a warm growing season and cool westerly winds. The soil is primarily granite, allowing for good drainage.

- Twin Vines is produced in the Vinho Verde region by José Maria da Fonseca
- The Twin Vines name celebrates the May 2007 birth of twin daughters to António Maria Soares Franco (7th generation family member of José Maria da Fonseca) and his wife.
- A premium Vinho Verde produced from indigenous grapes including 70% Loureiro, 15% Trajadura, 10% Pederna, and 5% Alvarinho
- Contemporary packaging and memorable name

**Vinho Verde** Balanced with crisp acidity, and more full-flavored than many Vinho Verdes.