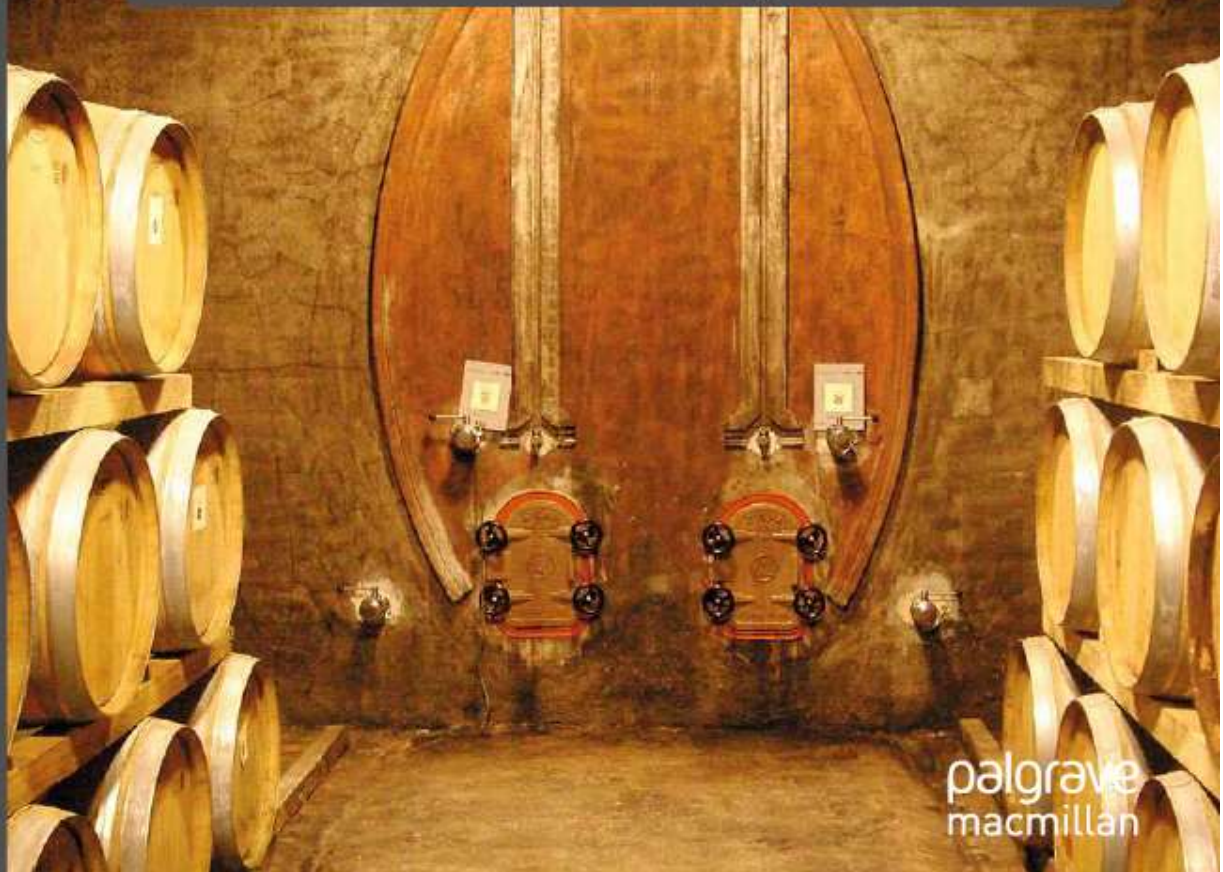


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The “Grapes Country”: Portuguese Viticulture from the Early Nineteenth Century Until the New Millennium

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and Ana Cardoso de Matos

Introduction

Historically, vines have been cultivated all over the country and wine is an important production and a key article of our balance of trade.¹ From the fifteenth century, the Portuguese expansion process increased

¹At least since the fourteenth century, Portuguese wines were shipped, mainly through the ports of Lisbon, Oporto and Viana, to the northern Europe markets. It was estimated that, by the middle of the fourteenth century, would be exported, annually, between 12,000 and 30,000 barrels (pipas) of wine, the majority of which the “well-known” Lisbon wines. In value, wine exports would amount to about one million pounds, what was, “by far”, the main source of revenue of Portuguese foreign trade. See, Castro, 1971, pp. 274–276; Brito, 1889, pp. 450–469.

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