

Discover Heroic Viticulture in Madeira

Discover the soul of Madeira wine with Lino Pinto, a dedicated viticultor and winemaker, at Pinto Figueira Vineyard—a century-old family estate nestled on the historic slopes of Estreito de Câmara de Lobos. Surrounded by hand-built stone terraces and ancient vine trellises (latadas), this intimate tour offers an authentic glimpse into the enduring spirit of island winemaking.

At the heart of the estate stands a beautifully preserved traditional Madeiran house, where generations of knowledge and hospitality live on. Nearby, a centennial wine cellar still echoes with the rhythms of the harvest, as Lino continues to tread grapes by foot, just as his ancestors did, to produce his own wines with care and character—focusing primarily on the iconic traditional grape variety Tinta Negra, used for different styles of Madeira wine.

Access to the property is via a traditional cobbled path (calçada madeirense), leading you through a landscape that is both cultivated and wild. The family practices polyculture among the latadas, growing sweet potatoes, peas, broad beans, and a variety of fruit trees. Even the goats play a role, providing natural fertilizer to enrich the volcanic soil. No herbicides are used here—selective weeding and ecological care ensure the vineyard flourishes sustainably.

This is more than a wine tour—it's a cultural journey supporting the regeneration of Madeira's viticultural heritage.

PINTO FIGUEIRA VINEYARD TOUR

Duration: 1 hour

Location: Câmara de Lobos, Southern Coast of Madeira

GPS: 32°40'30.47"N 16°59'16.68"W

Itinerary: To reach the parish of Estreito de Câmara de Lobos from Funchal, take the VR1 westbound and exit at Estreito de Câmara de Lobos. Follow local roads uphill through the village centre, continuing towards the north. The area of Santo António lies in the upper rural part of the parish. The drive takes around 20 to 25 minutes.

Moderate walk: wear comfortable shoes

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