



## Falua-Sociedade de Vinhos, S.A. *Red Leg*

<b>WINE:</b>	Red Leg
<b>TYPE:</b>	Red Wine
<b>DENOMINATION:</b>	Alentejo DOC
<b>VINTAGE:</b>	2007
<b>GRAPE VARIETY:</b>	Shiraz (50%) Aragones (50%)
<b>COUNTRY:</b>	Portugal

**The Estate:** The Falua society is a progressive and forward-thinking wine company owned by **Joao Portugal Ramos**. The company now manages over 100 hectares of vines, controlling every aspect of the winemaking process, from planting, to pruning, to picking, fermenting and bottling. The company focuses on producing good, honest, easy-drinking wine, with character and flavor, as well as finer wines in smaller parcels. These are wines of terrific value, ideally suited to American market tastes.

**The Wine:** Red Leg is made from grapes sourced in the hot Alentejo region, resulting in supple, rich, velvety wines, perfect for the American palate. The wine is named after the Red-legged partridge, a handsome and full-bodied bird inhabiting the Alentejo region of Portugal. These birds are often seen amongst the vines of the vineyard. Like the partridge, **Red leg** wine is also full-bodied and reveals spicy, red fruit.

**Vinification:** Prior to fermentation, skin contact maceration was allowed for 24 hours at a low temperature. The fermentation process lasted 10 days at a temperature of 28° C.

**Press:** [eRobertParker.com](http://eRobertParker.com) (2007 vintage) **84 Points:** This is a rather simple wine, grapey, soft and Beaujolais-esque, with obvious flavors and straightforward feel. It does taste pretty good and has just enough tannins... [Wine Advocate](#), #180, 12/31/08

**Cork'd** (2005 vin) This excellent red wine is equally well proportioned, full of body, and spicy rich fruit. Perfect for drinking on its own or with meat and cheese dishes. 6/07

**The Sunday Times London** (2005 vin) Modern but authentic Portuguese red, with juicy fruit and a gamey, meaty character. 8/25/08

**Tasting Notes:** Purplish-red in color, with red berry aromas on the nose, especially raspberry. On the palate, a well-balanced acidity reveals slightly spicy red fruit flavors. Perfect for simple roasted meats like chicken or pork, it would also be a great wine to serve at a party with a buffet. Approachable and pleasing.

