



MAKING WINE AT SAN PEDRO PARK

(RALPH CERVANTES & DENNIS FREITAS ERA 1960s)

“The Autumn breezes carried the news that it was winemaking season in Bryte because it was so much “in the air” advertising to all noses the promise of good vintages soon to be. Ordinary but yet most excellent table wine was made by the families Agostino, Silva, Ramos, Freitas, Sequeira and others. A pleasant memory was being privileged to sit in the cool basement of Domingos Sequeira having with him a couple of long appetizing glasses of his very good table wine. No Portuguese home yard was complete without a shady cool arbor of grapevines usually located near the entrances to the kitchen and basement. In Bryte, two very great and classic grape arbors both dating back about 50 years belonged to Albino Freitas, Sn. on Lisbon Avenue and Domingos Sequeira on Sunset Avenue. Such fine old grape arbors are marvels of the handiwork of man working closely with nature.”

(Excerpt from [A Touch of Old Portugal](#) by Ray W. Fisher, WS News-Ledger, June 7, 1972)