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Wine of the Week: **Quinta do Alqueve Fernão Pires**

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Quinta do Alqueve, Ribatejo DOC,

Fernão Pires 2008, \$11.99

Fernão Pires is a white-wine grape widely planted in Portugal. It's a delicious surprise, with delectable, round, tropical fruit flavors of pineapple, mango and passion fruit lifted with tangy acidity. With its combination of roundness and crispness, it's a great food wine. Try it with grilled shrimp or a chicken salad.

Quinta do Alqueve is one of the vineyards of the Pinhal da Torre estate owned by the Saturnino Cunha family. They grow native Portuguese grapes such as the white fernão pires, and traditional red port varieties as well as international varieties such as cabernet sauvignon and chardonnay. Pinhal da Torre wines are imported by **Robert "Bobby" Kacher**, who works with producers to add high-quality value wines to his portfolio. Available at Central Market.

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