



## CÂNDIDA PINTO AND MARIA NUNES PEREIRA HONOURED AT 2023 DONA ANTÓNIA AWARDS

Vila Nova de Gaia, 1 July 2024 - The Dona Antónia Awards are dedicated to exceptional Portuguese women. They honour Dona Antónia's legacy by rewarding women who stand out for their A(ntónia) side, that is, their humanist, entrepreneurial, fighting, and, above all, inspiring side. Today, we reveal the names of these women who deserve the Career Consecration and Revelation Awards for the 36<sup>th</sup> edition of the Dona Antónia Awards.

**Cândida Pinto**, a national and international benchmark in journalism, was honoured with the **Career Consecration Award**. **Maria Nunes Pereira**, a health researcher recognised for her award-winning contributions to disruptive technologies for the reconstruction of human organ tissues, received the **Revelation Award**. These two women's careers have allowed them to join the ranks of the "Ferreirinha" women, whose A(ntónia) side is proof of how much they deserve it.

*"In line with the pillar of Seed the Future - Sogrape's Global Sustainability Approach - which aims to inspire happier and more responsible lives, the Dona Antónia Awards return for their 36<sup>th</sup> edition to reinforce our commitment to empowering women, inspiring them to make a positive impact on society and contribute to Portugal's economic, social and cultural development," says **Raquel Seabra, Executive Board Member of Sogrape**. "We want Dona Antónia's example to be the driving force for more women in Portugal to move ahead of their time, breaking new ground in the most varied areas of knowledge and in the most diverse industries. That, inspired by the passion and sense of duty of this key figure in the Douro and our country, they become role models for future generations," she adds.*

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This year's winner of the **Career Consecration Award** was Cândida Pinto, whose **career** in the field of communication has marked society over the years, which recognises her as a benchmark in journalism. Cândida Pinto started out on the radio, then moved on to television, was part of the founding group of SIC, held management positions both at this channel and at RTP, and was a special envoy to countries such as Timor-Leste, Iraq and Ukraine, leading her to receive several national and international journalism awards. This legacy, which she has left behind and inspired, has led her to be considered a woman ahead of her time, with a unique career that deserves to be honoured and seen as exemplary.

The **Revelation Award** went to Maria Nunes Pereira, a health researcher who has contributed to and added value to disruptive technologies aimed at reconstructing human organ tissues. An award-winner in this area of expertise, she is recognised by MIT Technology Review as one of the 35 innovative women under 35 and by Forbes in the global list of *30 under 30 in Healthcare*. This recognition, which recognises and praises her innovative nature, gives her this award for 2023.

These two prizes, awarded annually, are determined by an independent jury chaired by Artur Santos Silva. The Career Consecration Award honours an established career deserving of public recognition, while the Revelation Award seeks to highlight a significant career in affirmation and development.

The two prizes awarded recognise the A(ntónia) side of both winners, which can be seen in the videos available [here](#), with all their successes, challenges, and ambitions.

### About Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira

Two centuries after the birth of Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira (1811-1896), evoking this unique figure in the history of the Douro Wine Region is a fitting tribute to a woman who became a symbol not only of Douro entrepreneurship and viticulture but also a prime example of altruism and generosity towards those most in need, contributing to Portugal's economic, social, and cultural development.

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Her character combined entrepreneurial spirit, business management skills, a sense of service and a social sensibility ahead of her time. Not only did she manage to consolidate and expand the house inherited from her father, but she also achieved the arduous goal of transforming areas of the Douro, which until then had been wild and almost deserted, into wine-producing lands destined to achieve international fame and prestige. But she didn't stop there. She promoted the construction of the Régua Hospital, heavily subsidised the Vila Real, Lamego and Moncorvo Hospitals, created the Caldas de Moledo, and encouraged the establishment of nurseries and schools.

Her intelligence, character and kindness earned her the respect and admiration of her contemporaries who, as is still the case today, affectionately called her "Ferreirinha". It, therefore, seemed to the promoters of the creation of this Prize. It has remained so to this day, that one of the best ways to honour and perpetuate the work and memory of "Ferreirinha" would be to annually distinguish and award women who have shown exceptional identification with the values and some of the personal characteristics of Dona Antónia.

Find out more about the Dona Antónia Awards and the former winners on the following page <https://www.premiodonaantonia.pt/>.

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