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PRATS & SYMINGTON · OUINTA DE RORIZ DOURO · PORTUGAL



#### SCORES

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## PRAZO DE RORIZ DOC DOURO RED 2018

#### THE WINE

The Prazo de Roriz is characterized particularly by red fruit flavors raspberries and cherries and the Quinta de Roriz terroir provides a distinctive minerality and appealing peppery spice. The Quinta da Perdiz vineyard also provides grapes for the Prazo de Roriz. The wine is made for drinking young, but with the potential for developing in bottle for several vears.

#### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

2018 started off very dry, with the soils parched by the previous year's rainfall deficit. However, the spring heralded abundant rain with the months between March and June all recording above-average precipitation, which amply replenished soil water reserves. The wet, cool spring and generally unsettled conditions continued into the summer and resulted in a diminishing of the crop size. Inevitably, the growth cycle of the vine was delayed, but a hot and dry August put maturations back on track. Climatic conditions in early September favored balanced ripening of the berries with good levels of acidity that are reflected in this wine's balance. The vintage began at the Roriz and Perdiz vineyards on September 17th; the Touriga Nacional was picked from the 20th and the Touriga Franca from the 27th.

### WINEMAKING

The hand-picked grapes for Prazo de Roriz are placed in small, shallow containers and on arrival at the Quinta de Roriz winery the bunches are manually sorted, after which the berries undergo an automated selection process to ensure that only grapes in ideal condition reach the stainless steel vats. Following gentle crushing, fermentation is induced through inoculation with a specially selected yeast culture and proceeds at temperatures between 72 and 75°F. Gentle macerations are favored in order to produce fresh and fruity wines, approachable from a young age while retaining good aging potential.

#### WINEMAKER

Bruno Prats and Charles Symington, Pedro Correia and Miguel Bessa.

**PROVENANCE & GRAPE VARIETIES** Quinta de Roriz and Quinta da Perdiz, Douro- Cima Corgo. 35% Touriga Franca 20% Touriga Nacional 20% Mixed varieties 15% Tinta Roriz 10% Tinta Barroca

AGEING & PRODUCTION 6 months in 400L neutral French oak barrels.

Decanting: Not Required

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STORAGE & SERVING Ready for immediate consumption, although the wine has potential to continue developing favourably in the bottle.

WINE SPECIFICATION Alcohol: 14.5% vol Total acidity: 5.4g/l tartaric acid



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