



# QUINTA DO VESUVIO



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## POMBAL DO VESUVIO DOC DOURO RED 2019

### THE WINE

One of the principal components of Pombal do Vesuvio comes from the terraced vineyards that surround the ancient dovecote ('pombal' in Portuguese) planted primarily with Touriga Nacional during 2000 in the heart of this legendary Douro property. Touriga Franca from the Vale da Teja and Minas vineyards is the other significant contributor to the Pombal, along with a smaller contribution from the Tinta Amarela from the Quinta Nova vineyard.

### VINTAGE OVERVIEW

We had a very dry and mild winter and spring, and by late summer the vines were in need of water to keep maturations on track. Fortunately, the virtual absence of rain from May to late August was counterbalanced by cooler summer conditions, which attenuated the lack of water. Fortunately, some rainfall in late August and ideal conditions through September, led to a balanced ripening of the various components of the grapes – reflected in the excellent balance between acidity and sugar levels. Yields were very close to average after the two very short years of 2017 and 2018. The grapes entered the winery in excellent condition with well-balanced ripeness. Freshness and vibrancy are the signature of the 2019 wines.

### WINEMAKING

The grapes for Pombal are hand-picked into 20 Kg boxes. On arrival at the winery the bunches undergo an initial manual sorting followed by gentle de-stemming after which the berries are sorted before being gravity-fed into the small fermenting tanks. Fermentations are monitored and adjusted so that the best of each grape variety is obtained. The winemakers aim to produce for Pombal a well-balanced wine with ripened fruit flavors and approachable from a young age, whilst conserving good aging potential, a characteristic of Douro wines.

#### WINEMAKER

Charles Symington and Pedro Correia, and Hugo Almeida.

#### PROVENANCE & GRAPE VARIETIES

Quinta do Vesuvio, Douro Superior.  
55% Touriga Franca  
40% Touriga Nacional  
5% Tinta Amarela

#### WINE SPECIFICATION

Alcohol: 14.5% vol  
Total acidity: 5.4 g/l tartaric acid  
Aged 8 months in French Oak barrels of 400 and 225 liters.

Decanting: Not Required

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#### TASTING NOTE

Balsamic aromas of woodland and forest floor with resinous notes. In the background there are also hints of wildflowers and black fruits. On the palate, it shows itself powerful and tense, still a little reserved, but reveals an enormous gastronomic profile – a characteristic of 'Pombal do Vesúvio'. The fine-grained tannins give a touch of spice and underpin the powerful structure of the wine whose acidity provides freshness and balance.

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