



QUINTA DO VESUVIO



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QUINTA DO VESUVIO DOC DOURO 2020

VINTAGE OVERVIEW

Winter and early spring rainfall was roughly in line with the average, but higher-than-average temperatures brought forward the vegetative cycle by three weeks. If overall rainfall levels were reassuring, the temperatures were far from it: every month apart from April was considerably warmer than the 30-year mean. With virtually no rain in June or July, we were relieved to have 12.6 mm falling on 20th August, although the rain was followed by three heat waves lasting until mid-September. With the heat diminishing the benefit of the rainwater – and faced with the possibility of berry dehydration – we began picking our white grapes from the 25th August. These were in surprisingly good condition (given the summer drought), allowing us to make some very good wines. Production was down by 40% in some properties, but the lower yields were compensated by overall good quality.

WINEMAKING

The Vesuvio grapes, hand-picked at perfect ripeness into 20kg boxes, are transported to Quinta do Sol Reserve Winery. 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. Crushing only occurs during the gravity entry into the vat, thus avoiding undesirable oxidation. Fermentations are monitored and adjusted so that the best of each grape variety is obtained. A post-fermentative maceration follows to extract tannins from the seeds which complement the ones obtained from the skins, thus promoting the development of a larger mouth feel and increasing the aging potential of the wine.

THE WINE

Touriga Nacional is one of the two most important grape varieties for the Vesuvio red wine. These vines are grown in the Quinta Nova vineyard located at an altitude of 1476ft, with a fine westerly aspect. This area of the estate was acquired for Vesuvio by Dona Antonia Ferreira in the mid-19th century. Little can she have imagined how valuable these high vineyards would be for the estate's red wines in the 21st century.

WINEMAKER

Mariana Brito, Charles Symington, and Pedro Correia.

PROVENANCE & GRAPE VARIETIES

Quinta do Vesuvio, Douro Superior.
75% Touriga Nacional
22% Touriga Franca
3% Tinta Amarela

STORAGE & SERVING

Store the bottle horizontally in a dark place with constant temperature, ideally between 55°F and 65°F. Although approachable now, this fine wine has the potential to develop superbly in bottle for many years to come.

Decanting: Not Required

AGING & PRODUCTION

16 months in 400 and 225l french oak barrels (80% new oak).
Bottled in April 2022.

UPC: 094799090748

TASTING NOTE

Seductively fresh and floral aromas of rose, secondary notes of clove and very discreet and well-integrated smoky flavors, show a perfect harmony between the usage of oak and the rest of the aromatic bouquet. The rich and fruit filled palate (blackberry, blueberry, black plum) and natural acidity of the wine give it a good weight and balance. Refined and well present tannins provide imposing structure.

WINE SPECIFICATION

Alcohol: 14.4% vol
Total acidity: 6.6 g/l tartaric acid

Suitable for Vegans.

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