



QUINTA DOS MURÇAS RESERVA

RED 2012

DOC DOURO

Quinta dos Murças is in northern Portugal, in the Cima-Corgo sub-region of the Douro, on the right bank of the River. It is characterized by its 8 diverse terroirs, which are distinguished by different altitudes, exposures, variations of schist soils and vertical vineyards. In 1947, the estate became a pioneer with the first vertical vineyard planted in the Douro region.

Concept: Quinta dos Murças Reserva comes from old vines planted at altitudes between 150m (490 ft) and 280 meters (915 ft), facing west. This is the classic version of a 'quinta' (estate) wine, where the emphasis is on the terroir to produce elegant wines with great aging potential.

Vintage: Very dry year, little rainfall during winter and spring. Mild summer, with cold nights during the last weeks of August. The production from this vineyard, by nature very low, was even lesser due to the lack of soil moisture.

Viticulture:

Production method: Integrated production (SATIVA certified)

Soil type: Schist

Age of vines: 40 years old

Grape varieties: Tinta Roriz, Tinta Amarela, Tinta Barroca, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Sousão, etc.

Vinification: Hand-picked grapes, destemming, crushing, fermentation with indigenous yeasts and temperature control (25°C - 28°C) in granite 'lagares', foot treading and pressing in an old-style vertical press.

Maturation: Aged in used French and American oak casks for 12 months.

Bottled: May 2014

Technical information:

Alcohol / Volume: 14,5%

Total acidity: 5,5 g/l

PH: 3,57

Reducing sugar: 0,6 g/l

Available formats: 750 ml, 1500ml

Winemakers' notes: David Baverstock and Luís Patrão.

Colour: deep dark and intense

Aroma: complex and elegant aroma of mature dark berry fruits, with balsamic notes and integrated spicy notes from oak barrel ageing.

Palato: firm and concentrated with balancing acidity, mature tannins well integrated in the body and volume. Long and persistent finish, balanced and elegant.