



NICOLAU DE ALMEIDA

QUINTA DO MONTE XISTO

Quinta do Monte Xisto 2020



Varieties

Touriga Nacional (60%), Touriga Francesa (35%) and Sousão (5%).

Viticultural Year

Very rainy winter and spring with mild temperatures, giving rise to an early vegetative cycle followed by a very hot and dry summer. Conditions were conducive to a slightly earlier than usual harvest date, starting on the 25th of August.

Vinification

Harvested by hand the grapes were transported to the winery (located at Vila Nova de Foz Côa, Douro) in 20 kg boxes. Vinified in “lagares” by foot treading where the fermentation took place over six days at with indigenous yeasts. This was followed by eighteen months of aging in 600 and 2000 liter wood barrels at our Vila Nova de Gaia warehouse, close to the sea, with excellent temperature and humidity conditions.

Tasting Notes

Intense blackberry color, almost opaque, which leads us to think that this is a wine with ageing potential. The smell is like entering a Douro forest. A large number of typical aromas are expressed in it, such as rock rose, juniper, wild berries, all of them with velvety contours.

Surprisingly mineral aromas follow, supported by a background of forest leaves. It is voluminous, full in the mouth with a fine, fresh and pleasant acidity, giving it a tasty harmony. At the end all these predicates appear as if they were wrapped in leaves of soft wood. A great wine with a classic structure. A true refined Douro.

Technical Information

Region Douro DOC, sub-region Douro Superior / Soil Schist / Vineyards Altitude 200-300m / Vine Training Unilateral Cordon and Traditional Pruning / Exposition North and South / Organic Agriculture and Vinification / Alcohol 14% / pH 3,81 / Residual Sugar < 2g/L
Production 7.800 Bottles 0,75cl e 300 1,5L

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