



NICOLAU DE ALMEIDA

QUINTA DO MONTE XISTO

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Varieties

Touriga Nacional (55%), Touriga Francesa (40%) and Sousão (5%).

Viticultural Year

Warm autumn followed by the first months of the year cold and dry. April was a very rainy month and May unfolded with moderate temperatures followed by a rainy June with thunderstorms. August and September with moderate heat and cool nights. It was a year without major surprises, with little disease pressure, without much rain but also without a very intense heat, which is an exception on. The harvest began on August 20th

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

It is a powerful, voluminous and elegant wine, with varied aromas and surprising freshness. After waiting a while, very delicate aromas begin to emerge, including rockrose, eucalyptus and a beautiful sequence of red fruits. In the mouth, it is full, round, with soft tannins in the same order as the nose. Some refreshing acidity and a large volume of flavors continue in the aftertaste, leaving a good density, which continues under the same initial sequence. Drinking at the right temperature (16-18 degrees) this entire aromatic set becomes more evident and complex.

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 3,75 / Residual Sugar < 2g/L / Production 7.043 Bottles 0,75cl and 710 1,5L

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