



NICOLAU DE ALMEIDA

QUINTA DO MONTE XISTO

## Quinta do Monte Xisto Oriente 2020



### Varieties

Tinto Cão (60%) and Tinta Francisca (40%).

### Viticultural Year

The first months of the viticultural year were very rainy with a winter with mild temperatures. In spring, temperatures continued to be mild, highlighting the high level of precipitation in April. Late spring became extremely hot and dry, as did the following summer months. The climatic conditions favoured an acceleration of the vegetative cycle, with the harvest starting on the 25th of August.

### Vinification

Harvested by hand the grapes from two parcels facing East (towards the Orient) were transported to the winery (located at Vila Nova de Foz Côa, Douro) in 20 kg boxes. Fermentation took place at concrete vats with indigenous yeasts. Ageing progresses along 18 months in 600 litre barrels at our Vila Nova de Gaia wine cellar, close to the sea, with excellent temperature and humidity conditions.

### Tasting Notes

Translucent, cherry-coloured wine, representing the characteristic style of the Tinto Cão and Tinta Francisca grape varieties.

“Burgundy” colour, totally different from other Douro varieties.

Peppery smell, resinous, with cherry and blackberry in depth. In the mouth it has a soft, velvety attack, with fresh and ripe tannins that melt in the mouth without blocking the palate. Large volume of fruit, continuing with blackberry, cherry, with some notes of boxwood and vine shoots. The longevity of the taste is remarkable and of great finesse, representing well the distinguishing characteristics of the marriage of these two varieties.

### Technical Information

Region Douro DOC, sub-region Douro Superior / Soil Schist / Vineyards Altitude 200-300m

Vine Training Traditional Pruning / Exposition Orient, East / Alcohol 12,5% / pH 3,74

Organic Agriculture and Vinification / Residual Sugar < 2g/L / Production: 1.074 bottles 0,75cl

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