



NICOLAU DE ALMEIDA

QUINTA DO MONTE XISTO

## Quinta do Monte Xisto Oriente 2021



### Varieties

Tinto Cão (50%) and Tinta Francisca (50%).

### 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 20<sup>th</sup>

### 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

It has an open colour, typical of Tinto Cão, with some hints of darkest red from Tinta Francisca. The intensity of Tinto Cão colour variety is different from the vast majority of Douro varieties, resembling more a Burgundy style. The aroma also differs greatly, with a dominance of exotic, woody fruits and some touches of red fruit. The combination of the two varieties gives it an appealing balance with a forest aroma. The more you smell, the more aromas appear, showing great complexity. In the mouth it is surprisingly soft, fresh, standing out the Tinto Cão tannins. The finish is very long, with several dried and red fruits. It is a very elegant wine, that one can enjoy it in a peaceful and pleasurable way.

### Technical Information

Region Douro DOC, sub-region Douro Superior / Soil Schist / Vineyards Altitude 200-300m  
Vine Training Traditional Pruning / Exposition Orient, East / Alcohol 13,5% / pH 3,71  
Organic Agriculture and Vinification / Residual Sugar < 2g/L / Production 871 bottles 0,75cl

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