



NICOLAU DE ALMEIDA

QUINTA DO MONTE XISTO

Porto Vintage 2021



Varieties

Touriga Francesa (45%), Touriga Nacional (45%) and Sousão (10%).

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. In a whole bunch, with stem, the grapes entered the “lagar” and were trodden by foot. Fermentation took place over around 5/6 days in the with indigenous yeasts, with subsequent addition of wine brandy. Then 18 months of aging in a cement vat at our Vila Nova de Gaia warehouse, close to the sea, with excellent temperature and humidity conditions.

Tasting Notes

It is a Vintage with good color intensity, opaque with a bright red rim. The first aromas reveal anise, juniper, cedar, and rockrose, followed by a complexity of wild fruit aromas, with blackberry being the dominant note. On the palate, it is very fresh with a remarkable balance of acidity/sugar and fruit density, showing beautiful elegance. The finish is of intense, fine, fruity flavors that linger for delicious moments.

Technical Information

Douro DOC, Douro Superior, V.N. Foz Côa / Soil Schist / Vineyards Altitude 200-300m / Vine Training Unilateral Cordon and Traditional Pruning / Exposition North and South / Organic Viticulture and Vinification / Alcohol 19% / Baumé: 3,2/ pH: 3,78 / Production 1.436 Bottles 0,75cl

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