

QUINTA DOS MURÇAS RESERVA

RED 2013

DOC DOURO

Quinta dos Murças is in northern Portugal, in the Cima-Corgo sub-region of the Douro, on the right bank of the River. It is characterized by its 8 diverse terroirs, which are distinguished by different altitudes, exposures, variations of schist soils and vertical vineyards. In 1947, the estate became a pioneer with the first vertical vineyard planted in the Douro region.

Concept: Quinta dos Murças Reserva comes from old vines planted at altitudes between 150m (490 ft) and 280 meters (915 ft), facing west. This is the classic version of a 'quinta' (estate) wine, where the emphasis is on the terroir to produce elegant wines with great aging potential.

Vintage: Very wet winter and spring, with low temperatures, followed by a dry and hot summer until middle of September, when intense rainfall started. By this time the harvest had ended, and the grapes had been harvested in a perfect state of ripeness.

Viticulture:

Production method: Integrated production (SATIVA certified)

Soil type: Schist

Age of vines: 40 years old

Grape varieties: Tinta Roriz, Tinta Amarela, Tinta Barroca, Touriga Nacional, Touriga Franca, Sousão, etc.

Vinification: Hand-picked grapes, destemming, crushing, fermentation with indigenous yeasts and temperature control (25°C - 28°C) in granite 'lagares', foot treading and pressing in an old-style vertical press.

Maturation: Aged in used French oak casks for 12 months.

Bottled: June 2015

Technical information:

Alcohol / Volume: 14,5%

Total acidity: 5,5 g/l

PH: 3,57

Reducing sugar: 0,6 g/l

Available formats: 750 ml, 1500ml

Winemakers' notes: David Baverstock and Luís Patrão.

Colour: deep dark and intense

Aroma: complex and elegant aroma of mature dark berry fruits, with balsamic notes and integrated spicy notes from oak barrel ageing.

Palato: firm and concentrated with balancing and present acidity, mature tannins well integrated in the body and volume. Long and persistent finish, balanced and elegant.



Vintage 2012:
Wine Spectator
92 pts

Robert Parker
91+ pts

Mundos Vini
Gold

Vintage 2011:
Wine Enthusiast
94 pts

Wine & Spirits
94 pts

Mundos Vini
Gran gold

Vintage 2010:
Wine Enthusiast
94 pts