

QUINTA DOS MURÇAS VINTAGE 2015

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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 Vintage 2015 comes from old vineyards planted along the banks of the Douro River, which, due to the low altitude and southern exposure, produce grapes of great concentration and maturity. Fermented in the traditional granite "lagares" with foot treading. This vintage port shows the potential of the Cima-Corgo sub-region to produce vintages of great elegance, intensity and persistence.

Vintage: The winter was cold and dry, followed by a spring that was hot and also dry. Cooler than normal temperatures at the beginning of the summer accelerated the ripening process, producing healthy grapes at the harvest boasting good levels of acidity and concentration.

Viticulture:
Integrated Production
Soil Type: Schist.
Age of vines: Planted in 1980

Grape varieties: Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz and Souzão

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

Bottled: September 2017

Technical information:

Alcohol / Volume: 19,5%
Total acidity: 5,0 g/l
PH: 3,65
Reducing sugar: 100 g/l

Available formats: 750 ml

Winemakers' notes: David Baverstock and José Luís Moreira da Silva.

Colour: Dense and deep with violet hues.

Aroma: Complex with great intensity, dominated by dark berry fruits such as blackberry and cassis, balsamic notes.

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

