

QUINTA DOS
MURÇAS

DOURO · PORTUGAL

MARGEM RED 2022



Quinta dos Murças Margem comes from vineyards along the Douro riverbank, where some of the estate's oldest vineyards are located. Its low altitude and mostly south-facing exposure help to produce grapes of unusual concentration and ripeness.

HARVEST

It was an atypical year marked by high temperatures and low precipitation. Winter had temperatures 1.5°C above average and 80% less precipitation. Spring continued to be drier and warmer than normal. However, during the harvest, at the end of August and during the month of September, temperatures dropped and helped the vines complete their cycle. We started harvesting the Minas plots on August 30, with good fruit balance.

Viticulture

Vineyard area: 3 hectares
Production method: Organic (Sativa certified)
Soil geology: Shale blocks, stones and pebbles
Vineyard age: Planted in 1980

GRAPE VARIETIES

Touriga Franca and Touriga Nacional

WINEMAKING

Hand harvested and sorted, destemmed, crushed, foot trodden, temperature-controlled alcoholic fermentation (25-28°C) with indigenous yeasts at controlled temperatures in granite lagares and pressed in an antique vertical press.

AGEING

Approximately nine months in used, 500 litre French oak barrels.

BOTTLING

26 July 2022

TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Alcohol / Volume: 12,0%
Total Acidity: 5.1 g/l
pH: 3.6
Residual Sugar: 0.6 g/l

BOTTLE SIZES

750 ml, 1500 ml

WINEMAKER

Lourenço Charters

COLOUR

Intense, with purple hints.

NOSE

Intense and exuberant, with ripe black fruits like blackberry and blackcurrant predominating.

PALATE

Intense and exuberant, with good volume. Ripe black fruits - blackberry, cassis or blackcurrant - predominate.

AWARDS AND REVIEWS

Wine Enthusiast

91 pts | 2019
93 pts | 2018
93 pts | 2017
91 pts | 2016
91 pts | 2015

Wine Spectator

90 pts | 2018
90 pts | 2016
90 pts | 2015

Wine Advocate

90 pts | 2017
90 pts | 2016