



QUINTA DA GAIVOSA 2020

ALVES DE SOUSA

Family wine growers and estate owners in the Douro for 5 generations, Alves de Sousa were pioneers in the production of still wines in the region and remain today one of the most renowned producers of Port and Douro Wine.

This wine expresses the dedication of several generations of the Alves de Sousa family to the Gaivosa vineyards and the amazing quality of its terrior. Considered to be one of the best still wines from the region.

VINEYARDS

The Douro region is located in the northeast of Portugal and has a warm continental climate. Located in the heart of Douro Valley, Quinta da Gaivosa is located in the Baixo Corgo sub region which is known for being the coolest and wettest region due to its proximity to the Atlantic ocean. However, Quinta da Gaivosa is found in the most north westerly part of the region next to the Serro do Marao mountain range which protects it from the wet Atlantic winds meaning that this vineyard experiences much drier and warmer conditions than the rest of the sub region.

The 'New Old Vineyards' philosophy adopted by Alves de Sousa combines the the best of Douro's famous old vineyards with a technically modern, precise and sustainable viticulture to ensure the identity of Douro's wines and face present and future climate challenges.

Alves de Sousa believe in *terrior*. If different vineyards have so different characteristics – why not show them to the world? They have the privilege of controlling many different vineyards with many different characteristics and micro-climates. In the case of this wine the vineyards are over 80 years old.

WINEMAKING

This blend of Touriga Franca, Touriga Nacional and Tinto Cao undergoes 7 days of fermentation and 8 days of maceration to extract as much flavor and complexity as possible. Following this the wine is aged for 22 months in French oak, 60% of which is new and 40% second use.

2020 was perhaps the most challenging year this generation has ever lived. Beginning very hot the year saw heavy rain in spring followed by dehydration at the end of August resulting in a loss of 50% of the volume in several vineyards. However, the surviving grapes showed great quality with immense complexity and great balance.

TASTING NOTE

This wine is deep ruby in color with a very deep and complex bouquet of wild berries, violets, pine leaves and dark chocolate. Very refined and elegant with a great back bone. Full of character and complexity.

Serve chilled, open 1 hour before serving.

Can age for 20-25 years in bottle.

Vintage: 2020

Type: Red Wine DOC Douro

Grape Variety: Touriga Franca, Tinto Cao, Touriga Nacional

Ageing: 22 months in French oak (60% new, 40% 2nd year)

Alcohol: 14.5%

Ph: 3.60

Total Acidity: 6

Residual Sugars: 2 g/l

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