



QUINTA DO CRASTO

SINCE 1615

CRASTO RED 2019

Appellation

Douro

Viticultural Year

After 2017 and 2018 yields significantly below the decade average, 2019 proved to be much more generous and more in line with what we are used to at Quinta do Crasto. However, it was still a challenging year, with a dry winter and spring depleting the vines' necessary soil water reserves. We found, however, that in the months of June, July and August, the vines had well-balanced and healthy canopies, without great signs of water stress. We attributed this balance to the mild temperatures from May to late August — 5°C lower than the previous 5-year average at Quinta do Crasto. This contributed positively to a slow and well-balanced ripening of the grapes during July and August. Exceptional levels of ripeness resulted. The 2019 harvest took place very calmly, with cold nights and hot, dry days that enabled picking at the ideal moment. The rain on 21 and 22 September was essential, as it helped to refine the ripening of later varieties, namely Touriga Franca. The 2019 harvest began with the first white grapes from Quinta do Crasto arriving to the winery on 26 August and finished on 11 October when the berries from the highest altitude vineyards came in. On balance, 2019 yielded highly expressive white wines, with excellent concentration and extraordinary freshness. Our red wines also reflect the equilibrium enjoyed during the vegetative cycle. They are highly complete wines, with vibrant aromas, excellent concentration, solid structure and, above all, they are well-balanced with excellent ageing potential.

Grape Varieties

Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca and Tinta Barroca

Winemaking

Grapes are taken to the winery in 22 kg boxes. After a rigorous selection, the stalks are removed and the grapes are crushed and transferred to stainless steel vats. The alcoholic fermentation takes place at controlled temperature for 7 days.

Ageing

85% in temperature-controlled stainless steel vats; 15% in 225-litre French oak barrels for 6 months.

Tasting Note

Dark ruby in colour. Very expressive on the nose, showing fresh red fruit aromas and delicate floral notes reminiscent of violets. The palate starts in an engaging way, evolving into a balanced wine, with excellent volume and solid structure. The tannins have a captivating texture and are well integrated with fresh red fruit sensations. An appealing and elegant wine, with a lingering finish.



Technical information

Age of Vines More than 20 years old	Aspect and Altitude East - South - West - North 120-450 metres	Alcohol, ABV 14%	Analytical Data Total Acidity: 5,1 gr/L pH: 3,77 Residual Sugar: 1,8 gr/L	Winemaker Manuel Lobo
Serving temperature 16-18°	Landscaping <i>Vinha ao alto</i> (rows of vines planted up and down the slope) and <i>patamares</i> (terraces) with one and two rows of vines	Bottling November 2020		