

QUINTA DE LA ROSA

Vintage 1995

1995 followed a very cold and wet previous year and consequently with more equable temperatures the vines had the opportunity to recover their strength and produce well matured and even sugar levels this year of between 13° and 14° Beaumé.

Weather patterns at the Quinta during 1995 gave a mild winter and spring. Bunches, when formed, matured evenly and when the Quinta started vintaging on September 11th we were as usual careful to choose the most forward vineyards for immediate picking to ensure the highest sugar content. This attention to detail has paid off.

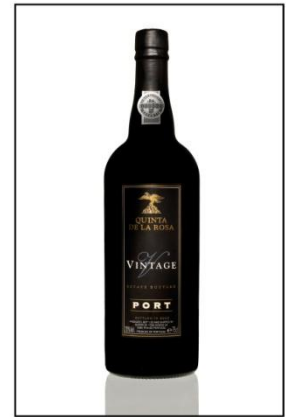
La Rosa is a vertically integrated Quinta rising to 450 metres above sea level, boasting many hidden micro climates within its cirtilage. Where possible we vintage and mature these small 'lotes' separately in order to achieve the maximum complexity in the finished ports, which would not have been possible from a less diversely planted property.

In 1995 we have identified these wines and have declared as Vintage quality only a limited quantity of the best of the Quinta's production.

La Rosa's classic house style achieved by slow maceration in traditional granite 'Lagares' has produced a wine full of luscious forward fruit with a very attractive nose and a long velvety slightly drier finish across the palate.

The La Rosa 1995 Vintage Port is more delicate and rounded than say the muscular 1992, and though likely to last as long, will come forward for drinking sooner. It has intense colour and is a nicely elegant and complex wine which will cellar well.

Finally it is in the true classic style of a premium Single Quinta Vintage Port grown, vinified, matured and bottled on the property.



Decanter Magazine:

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One of La rosa's best ports to date: somewhat sullen and withdrawn at this stage but attractive rich berry fruit underlying with more than a hint of dark chocolate. Ripeness and concentration lingering on the finish.

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The 1995 Vintage Quinta de la Rosa has a deep colour, powerful fruit and complexity. An earthy nose on the finish makes this a remarkable 95. La Rosa continues to make their distinctive style and yet capture the vintage quite well.