



QUINTA DE LA ROSA

PRODUCTION

52% Touriga Nacional, with the rest coming from mixed field planted vines. Fermented and matured in stainless-steel vats. Bottled in April 2019.

TERROIR

Still largely unexplored, the terroir in the Douro offers incredible opportunity. None more so than La Rosa's, whose vines rise dramatically out of the river with the imposing Vale do Inferno vineyard, and climb majestically up to an altitude of 500m with Lamelas, whose magnificent views overlook the very heart of the region. The estate's grapes are category A – the very best the Douro has to offer.

Schist and granite soils along with the extremely varied topography enable rich, full bodied wines to have remarkable acidity, minerality, and freshness. And it is this for which La Rosa has become renown; elegant wines that express terroir in bottle without too much extraction, tannin, oak.

The majority of douROSA Red's grapes come from the Lamelas vineyard planted by Tim Bergqvist more than 30 years ago.

VINTAGE

Portugal, like the rest of Europe, experienced a particularly dry and hot spring and summer. High temperatures (40C+) and the lack of rain from June onwards meant that there were initial signs of water stress and dehydration, especially in south facing vines at lower altitude. As our vines have adapted well to these extreme conditions expectations were high. Thankfully, the grapes matured well, although somewhat earlier than expected.

The 2017 vintage was one of the earliest of all time. La Rosa started picking from hottest parcels of Vale do Inferno on 21st August, whilst leaving others to mature further. Marginally fresher weather in mid-August helped develop aromas and complexity where needed. Overall, 2017 turned out to be an exceptional year for both port and wine with both displaying a remarkable combination of fruit, structure, and tannins.

TASTING NOTES

douROSA wines are blended to be easy and approachable wines for immediate drinking. Summer 2017's high temperatures resulted in wines a little more dense and concentrated than normal. Despite this the douROSA Red continues to be characterized by its balance and elegance. Pretty violet in colour, with fresh and elegant red fruit flavours ending in soft young tannins.



douROSA RED
2017



750ml

Technical Information:

Aging	Alcohol	Production	Total Acidity	Residual Sugars	pH
Now - 5 years +	14%	40,000 bottles	5.0 g/dm ³	0.6 g/dm	3.7