



QUINTA DE LA ROSA

PRODUCTION

Indigenous grape varieties from old vines – 60% Viosinho, 25% Rabigato, 5% Gouveio, and 10% mixed field blend including Arinto and Códega do Larinho.

The wine was partially fermented and matured in barrels (50%) with the remainder in small stainless-steel vats, before being bottled in April 2020.

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 steadily upwards to top out at 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 the white wines to have remarkable acidity, minerality, and freshness. La Rosa's whites are characterised by their floral, citric notes and balanced fruit.

VINTAGE

Winter and spring were fairly dry with little rainfall. Fortunately, the Douro avoided the heatwaves experienced by most of Europe in July and had a near perfect summer with rain falling on 25th August to refresh the vineyards nicely. This was followed by unseasonably hot weather with temperatures in the high 30Cs which meant picking started soon after.

2019's hot summer led us to harvest our white grapes earlier than normal in order to keep their freshness. Like previous years, it was vital that we paid close attention to where we picked and were careful to choose only those vines that had ripened, leaving some for later.

As a result of a relatively cool summer the white grapes maintained their acidity meaning our wines have excellent maturation but with relatively low pHs - something of novelty. A combination of good concentration as well as optimal freshness will allow the wines to mature nicely.

TASTING NOTES

A complex wine with white stone fruit, light herbal notes all underpinned by serious minerality. On the palate, it is restrained and has great tension. Ripe fruit is balanced by citric notes to ensure remarkable elegance.

The La Rosa Reserve 2019 has the greatest aging potential of all the Reserve Whites we have made to date. It is a wine that can be safely cellared and will give immense enjoyment in the years to come.

Technical Information:

Aging	Alcohol	Production	Total Acidity	Residual Sugars	pH
Now - 5 years	13.1%	33,000 bottles	5.9 g/dm ³	2.5 g/dm	3.27



DOC RESERVA WHITE
WINE
2019



375ml



750ml