



PASSAGEM RESERVA
RED WINE

2017



ABOUT

Named after the abandoned mountain railway line that is found on the property, Passagem's Quinta das Bandeiras is located opposite Vale Meão in the heart of the Douro Superior. The 100-hectare property was bought by Quinta de la Rosa's Bergqvist family in 2005. A joint venture with esteemed winemaker Jorge Moreira, Passagem seeks to highlight the Douro Superior's enormous potential through expressive wines that combine rich refined fruits and aromas with excellent poise and freshness.

Much of the estate's vines were replanted in 2005 and subsequently are now coming into their own. Such is the quality and potential of Bandeiras' vines that the Passagem Grande Reserva 2009 won the best wine in Portugal.

PRODUCTION

70% Touriga Nacional, 25% Touriga Franca, 5% Sousão. Fermented in stainless-steel vats before maturing for 18 months in Allier French oak casks. Bottled in August 2019.

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 with the picking of white grapes at Bandeiras starting on 17th of August. The reds followed suit shortly thereafter. After a sustained period of high heat, a drop in temperatures followed which enabled Jorge to halt the picking for a short period in order to let the grapes develop aromas and complexity. Picking concluded exceptionally early on 4th September.

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

On the nose, the wine shows attractive concentrated, mature fruit with hints of aromatic herbs adding to its great complexity. The wine is robust and full on the palate with balanced tannins and exceptional quality. A wine that is still young with great ageing potential.

Technical Information:

Aging	Alcohol	Production	Total Acidity	Residual Sugars	pH
Now - 10 years	14%	25,000 bottles	5.4 g/dm ³	0.8 g/dm	3.68