



ASSOBIO RED

2019

DOC DOURO

DOURO - ALTITUDE - FRESHNESS

Near one of the boundaries of Quinta dos Murças, we find steep slopes forming a valley. In this spot, mostly facing north, more protected from the sun, when the wind passes we hear it whistle (or “assobiar” in Portuguese.) The Assobio range comes from vineyards such as those found there, from plots with unique characteristics, at higher altitudes.

Concept: Respecting the wine tradition of the oldest demarcated region in the world, these wines are produced based on their native varieties. Versatile and gastronomic, they embody the cooler side of the Douro.

Harvest Year: It was a dry year, in which despite large fluctuations, the average temperature and rainfall were lower than usual. With the exception of July, where there were two heat waves, the summer was slightly cooler, allowing for a longer ripening cycle of the grapes, which contributes to good phenolic ripeness, preservation of acidity and good sanitary conditions. We began the harvest on 20 August.

Viticulture:

Soil Geology: Schist

Age of the Vineyards: about 20 years

Varieties: Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca

Vinification: Manual harvest, selection table, destemming, crushing, pre-fermentation cold maceration, alcoholic fermentation with controlled temperatures (Max 25°C), pneumatic pressing.

Ageing: 10% of the blend was aged in French oak barrels for 6 months.

Bottling: October 2020

Technical information:

Alcohol/Volume: 13.0%

Total Acidity: 5.3 g/l

PH: 3.60

Reducing Sugar: < 2 g/l

Available Formats: 375ml, 750 ml, 1500ml, 3000ml, 5000ml, 9000ml

Oenologist's Notes: José Luis Moreira da Silva and David Baverstock

Colour: Red, with violet shades.

Bouquet: Intense and lively, dominated by red fruits

Palate: Good concentration, with a pronounced freshness and elegance

Awards & Reviews:

2017 Harvest:
Decanter
91 pts - Highly recommended

2015 Harvest:
Wine Spectator
TOP 100 Best Values

2014 Harvest:
Wine Spectator
90 pts

Mundus Vini
Silver

2012 Harvest:
Mundus Vini
Gold

2011 Harvest:
Wine Enthusiast
94 pts

A guide to Assobio: <https://youtu.be/7SNXqHXftTI>