



## ASSOBIO RED

**2018**  
**DOC DOURO**

### DOURO - ALTITUDE - FRESHNESS

At the edge of Quinta dos Murças' boundaries, there is a valley formed by steep slopes. Here, the vineyards are primarily north-facing at high altitudes and are more protected from the sun. When the wind blows, there is a whistling sound. It is this particular characteristic that gives the wine its name: Assobio means "whistle" in Portuguese. It is from plots like this, with unique characteristics and planted at higher altitudes that the Assobio comes from.

**Concept** Respecting the viticultural tradition of the world's oldest demarcated wine region, we craft wines based on indigenous grapes varieties, which produce fresh, versatile and food-friendly wines.

**Vintage:** This was another atypical year in the Douro. Winter was cold and dry, Spring was cold and very rainy, and Summer, initially cold and rainy, then turned hot and extremely dry, marked by the effects of sunstroke and dehydration at the beginning of August. This unstable climate had substantial impact on the decline in production. Ripening occurred later than usual; therefore we only began the Red grape harvest on 16th of September. The grapes presented very good acidity, resulting in fresh, aromatic and elegant wines.

**Viticulture:**

Soil type: Schist.

Age of vines: 20 years

**Grape varieties:** Touriga Nacional, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca.

**Vinification:** Hand-picked grapes, destemming, crushing, pre-fermentation cold maceration, fermentation with temperature control (Max 25°C), membrane pressing.

**Maturation:** 10% of the blend aged in oak casks for 6 months

**Bottled:** August 2019

**Technical information:**

Alcohol / Volume: 13,5 %

Total acidity: .5 g/l

PH: 3,65

Reducing sugar: < 2 g/l

**Available formats:** 375ml, 750 ml, 1500ml, 3000ml, 5000ml, 9000ml

**Winemakers' notes:** José Luis Moreira da Silva and David Baverstock

**Colour:** Red with violet tones.

**Aroma:** Intense and lively with dominant red fruit

**Palate:** Good concentration, with prominent freshness and elegance.

**Awards:**

**Vintage 2017:**  
Decanter  
91 pts - Highly recommended

**Vintage 2014**  
Wine Spectator  
90 pts

**Vintage 2012:**  
Mundus Vini  
Ouro

**Vintage 2015:**  
Wine Spectator  
TOP 100 Best Values

Mundus Vini  
Prata

**Vintage 2011:**  
Wine Enthusiast  
94 pts