

QUINTA DOS MURÇAS MARGEM

RED 2019

DOC DOURO

Quinta dos Murças, located on the right bank of the Douro River, is characterised by the diversity of its 8 terroirs, marked by different altitudes, sun exposures, schist soils, vertical vineyards and a 3.2km stretch of river bank. It is a historic Quinta where, in 1947, the first vertical vineyard on the Douro was planted.

Concept: The Quinta dos Murças Margem comes from vineyards by the Douro river bank, where some of the oldest plots of the estate are located. Its low altitude and its mostly southern sun exposure result in grapes with greater concentration and ripeness.

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 started harvesting the Margem plot on 13 September.

Viticulture: Production method: Integrated Production (SATIVA certified)

Soil Geology: Schist

Age of the Vineyards: Vines planted in 1980

Varieties: Touriga Franca and Touriga Nacional.

Vinification: Manual harvest, sorting table, destemming, crushing, alcoholic fermentation with indigenous yeasts at controlled temperatures (25° to 28°C) in granite mills using foot treading and pressing in an old vertical press.

Ageing: In used French oak 500L barrels for about 9 months.

Bottling: August 2020.

Technical information:

Alcohol / Volume: 12.5%

Total Acidity: 5.80 g/l

PH: 3,5

Reducing Sugar: < 0.6 g/l

Available Formats: 750ml, 1500ml.

Oenologists' Notes by: David Baverstock and José Luis Moreira da Silva

Colour: Deep, with hints of violet.

Bouquet: Very intense and exuberant, with ripe black fruits such as blackberry and blackcurrant standing out.

Palate: concentrated and with good acidity, it has very ripe tannins that give it a sense of volume and body. It has a long and persistent finish, dominated by aromas of ripe fruits. As a whole, they can be expected to last a long time.

Prizes and Scores:

2015 Harvest:
Wine Enthusiast
91 pts

Wine Spectator
90 pts

2016 Harvest:
Wine Enthusiast
91 pts

Wine Spectator
90 pts

2017 Harvest:
Wine Enthusiast
93 pts

