

Quinta Nova Vinha Centenária Ref P28/P21 - 2020

1st monovarietal parcel of Tinta Roriz in Douro (P28) and centuries-old vines (P21)

Overview

First Harvest: 2008 Owner: Amorim Family Winermakers: Jorge Alves Viticulture: Ana Mota

Vineyard

Grape varieties: Tinta Roriz (75%) and centuries-old vines (25%) Soil: Schist Zone: Cima Corgo Integrated Production Way Harvest: By hand Average Yield: 3000 Kg/ha

Additional Winemaking Notes

100% destemmed Ageing: 12 months in new French oak barrels Alcohol: 14,5% Vol. Bottling: June 2022 Production: 5.000 bottles

2020 Harvest

From the 6th of September to the 10th of October

The high temperatures experienced throughout the growing season, especially in the months of June, July and August, combined with low rainfall in the spring, led to an anticipated start for the 2020 harvest.

During the vegetative growth period of the vines, the climate was unstable, and therefore required increased attention to the possible appearance of diseases and infestations.

It was an extremely demanding year, which required continuous preventive interventions. The final stage of maturation of the grapes was challenging and marked by extreme care in the vineyard. The rainfall between 14-15 August brought sufficient energy for the grapes to mature more quickly than normal. Consequently, 2020 was a less generous year in terms of quantity but resulted in grapes with more concentrated aromas and good sugar levels.

This year has produced intense, crystalline, complex and fresh wines.

In the vineyard there's always a special focus on a small, ancient parcel of Tinta Roriz (1.57 hectares) located near the Douro River chapel at an altitude between 205 and 210 meters, with an eastwest sun exposure. Tinta Roriz embodies both the challenge of winemaking and the human perseverance in preserving the authentic and traditional Douro.

From its delicate flowering, marked by high sensitivity to biological factors, to its often-uneven phenolic ripening, this grape variety keeps the entire team on edge. The austerity of the grape variety is evident on the palate, but it's also complemented by a contemporary sophistication. When combined with century-old vines, it produces a blend that stands as a benchmark in the Portuguese Douro: a wine brimming with minerality, blue fruits, rich spices, a firm structure, and a focused, linear finish.

The wine's concentration, density, and depth are a true reflection of its origins. First produced in the 2008 harvest, it has since become the definitive expression of Tinta Roriz from the Douro.

