

92 Points

VITICULTURAL INFO:

2011 was a challenging year in the vineyards. The rainfall in December was guite high (this is an important point for the vine development) but in the overall for the autumn/winter months was quite normal. We had an early flowering due to the hot weather in April and May (several heat waves), which together with high humidity levels forced us to do several treatments. On the end of June there was a heat wave in some Douro areas, that led to grape burning in some of the most sensitive varieties, like Tinta Barroca. June was a month with big temperature amplitudes. July was also relevant for the vine development, as it was much colder than usual.

Wine Spectator

The rain by the end of August was crucial for the potential quality of the year because itcreated conditions for an excellent maturation.

With all these conditions, the final result was an earlier harvest – 10 to 15 days.

MIGUEL SOUSA Agronomist

WINEMAKER NOTES:

Vinifed at moderate temperatures, the grapes we used in this blend originated a wine with na excellent aromatic profile, marked by Tinta Roriz that is responsible for the intense aroma of young fresh fruit like cherry and blackberry. Dark in colour, it also shows some spicy notes along with some wood. Well structured in the mouth it has excellent acidity and firm tannins. The final is long, seductive and complex. It's a wine that we can enjoy from now but it will also age a few years very well.

PAULO COUTINHO Winemaker





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GRAPE VARIETIES AND PARCELS:

Varieties: Tinta Roriz (60%), Touriga Nacional (25%), Touriga Franca (15%)

HARVEST INFORMATION:

Type: Hand picked / transported in small cases Date: 6th to 27th September Yield: 6,0 tons/ha

VINIFICATION:

DOC DOURO RED

Fermenting tanks: Stainless steel vats Fermentation: Maceration at temperature control at 23-24°C. Ageing: 9 months in new (40%) and used (60%) French barrels

WINE ANALYSIS: REG. 12027

(Alc. on label: 13,5% Vol) Alcohol in wine: 13,93% Residual sugar: 1,3 (g/dm3) Total acidity: 4,6 (g/dm3)(Ác. Tart.) pH: 3,75

BOTTLING:

Date/type of closure: June 2013 with natural cork Quantity: 58.000 bottles

NUTRITIONAL FACTS:

Caloric value: 79 cal/100ml **Other info:** Enjoy during the next 5 years in order to get the most of its freshness at a temperature of 15-16°C.