



## QUINTA DO PORTAL TOURIGA FRANCA 2009

DOC DOURO RED



### VITICULTURAL INFO:

Extreme conditions, (caused by climate changing?) were noted this year. Several days with snow, some times even in very low altitudes (200 m) as we had on January 10th. On February and March, we had higher temperatures than usual, situation that caused a significant activity in the plants. During flowering (May), we had temperatures higher than 30°C, and almost no rain. The hot weather was the dominant condition during the following months. In June we had extremely high temperatures between the 10th and the 22nd. That was very important for the health of the vines/grapes. August is always a very important month for the Douro region. Very hot weather, extremely dry conditions have conditioned in a significant way the phenolic maturations, reason why we started September almost "asking" for rain! But in the end, we made the harvest on the dryer September of the last 22 years.

MIGUEL SOUSA  
Agronomist

### WINEMAKER NOTES:

An indispensable grape for the blends, and a very difficult varietal to be alone in the bottle. This is only the second release after 2001! Only in 2003 we were quite to decide to bottle this varietal. There was a very difficult year with an interrupted maturation in August caused by the high temperatures. In 2009, was perhaps the better year since ever. Let's see his evolution, but we are certainly sure that will aged longer than the 2001. For the moment has a concentrated ruby color, fruity character and little cedar and coffee, very fresh and appealing. Concentrated in palate, good structure but harmony with volume, gives a fresh fruity aftertaste. Finish a little dry, that will develop in the bottle, and now we have definitely to pair with food.

PAULO COUTINHO  
Winemaker

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### GRAPE VARIETIES AND PARCELS:

**Varieties:** Touriga Franca (100%).

### HARVEST INFORMATION:

**Type:** Hand-picked and transported to winery in small baskets.

**Date:** 20th to 23rd September

**Yield:** 4,5 tons/ha

### VINIFICATION:

**Alcoholic fermentation:** In stainless steel with maceration at 24°-26°C.

**Ageing:** 9 months in used French oak barrels.

### WINE ANALYSIS: REG. 08306

(Alc. on label: 13,50% Vol)

**Alcohol in wine:** 13,67%

**Residual sugar:** 1,6 (g/dm<sup>3</sup>)

**Total acidity:** 5,62 (g/dm<sup>3</sup>)(Ác. Tart.)

**pH:** 3,98

### BOTTLING:

**Date/type of closure:** September 2011 with natural cork.

**Quantity:** 1.398 bottles and 125 magnums.

### NUTRITIONAL FACTS:

**Caloric value:** 77 cal/100ml

**Other info:** May be included in vegetarian diet.

**Suggestion:** This wine has a great ageing potential, but is also very pleasant while young. Drink at 16-17°C.