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QUINTA DO PORTAL
GRANDE RESERVA 2016

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GRAPE VARIETIES:

Touriga Nacional (60%), Tinta Roriz (30%) and Touriga Franca (10%).

HARVEST INFORMATION:

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

Date: From 4th till 11th October.

Yield: 4,5 tons/ha

VINIFICATION:

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

Ageing: Aged for 14 months in new French oak.

WINE ANALYSIS: REG. 22844

Alcohol: 14%

Residual sugar: 1,0 (g/dm3)

Total acidity: 4,90 (g/dm3)(Ác. Tart.)

pH: 3,8

BOTTLING:

Date/type of closure: September 2018 with natural cork.

Quantity: 20.000 bottles

NUTRITIONAL FACTS:

Caloric value: 81 cal/100ml

Other info: May be included in vegetarian diet.

Suggestion: It can be enjoyed with your favourite red meat or chesses and can cellaring for up to 10 years.

VITICULTURAL INFO:

2016 was a very didactical and challenging year! After a rainy Winter, that was warmer than usual, Spring was unexpectedly wet and cool! The rainfall was 40% higher than the average of the last years. This delayed the vegetative cycle, and it was absolutely necessary to work intensively in order to protect the vines. Despite the normal weather conditions in June and July, the disease pressure was still too high, obliging us to intervene in the vineyards more than usual. August was very hot what slowed the maturation and put considerable strain on the vines, even stopping the maturation in some varieties. We finally we had some rain in the end of the month. But maturation continued to be very slow and it was difficult to decide when to harvest! We started picking Tinta Roriz on the 6th September, followed by white varieties on the 11th. We finished picking on the 15th October. A long and patient harvest under excellent weather to pick, and only with some little and harmless rainfall by the middle of September! The challenge was overcome! We understood the plant and the result was the creation of fine personalized wines!

WINEMAKER NOTES:

A big wine from a great year! The harvest of 2016 delivered fruity but very serious wines. It's dark in colour, with very complex aromatic profile, ripe red fruits, blackberries and dark cherry. Fresh on the mouth, with serious but round tannins, and a toasted note in complement to the fruit.

The aftertaste is long and complex, telling us that cellaring this wine a few more years will be a good decision. However we shouldn't lose the opportunity to enjoy it also right now, with all its irreverent youth coming through the glass.

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