





AVAILABLE PACKAGES



REPUBLIC OF SAN MARINO - THE WINES OF EUROPE





PORT WINE VINTAGE

1996

DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN

GRAPE VARIETIES – Traditional Douro varieties

OENOLOGIST - Carlos Soeiro

VINEYARD

Parcels of vines situated on the steep slopes of the River Pinhão at an altitude of 150-400m, with poor, stony schistose soil; low yielding vines with grapes of high concentration and quality.

DO Porto

1996 VINTAGE

Very dry year. Cold winter. Good blossoming. Very hot summer. One of the earliest of all harvests. Low levels of production but of good quality, delicate and elegant wines returning a great concentration of aromas.

VINIFICATION

Fresh grapes and at their ideal ripeness are picked by hand into 20 kg boxes. Following the removal of the stalk and smooth crushing, the grapes were placed in a stainless steel cube for 5 days of pellicular maceration, fermenting for five days, with three daily delestage processes before continuing to macerate following fortification for a further three days. This resulted in an excellent wine extract. Then aged in old French balseiros (vats). Blending was done in March 1999.

WINE TASTING UPDATED IN JUNE 2017

Oenologist Luís Leocádio

CHARACTERISTICS

TASTING NOTES

A wine golden red in colour: Delicate aromas of quince, plums and currants. Some attractive resinous and spicy nuances. To the mouth, the wine already reveals its ageing in the bottle, with notes of liquorice, dried plum and leather. Smooth tannins and displaying great elegancy and delicacy!

SERVICE AND HARMONIZATION

Goes particularly well with cheeses such as Serra, Stilton, Gorgonzola and other fatty examples. Ideal to accompany sweet deserts and rich in fruit preserve flavours. Decant and serve at 17° - 18° C.

AWARDS AND PRIZES

Gold Medal

VI ACIC Wine Competition - PORTUGAL Brussels World Competition 2000 - BELGIUM 9° International Vins de Montagne Competition - Cervim - ITALY

Silver Medal

14° International Vins de Montagne Competition - Cervim - ITALY IV City of Oporto International Wine Competition - PORTUGAL Bacchus International Wine Competition - SPAIN Honourable Mention - Vinitaly - ITALY - 2005 Wine Masters Challenge 2000 - PORTUGAL II City of Oporto International Wine Competition - PORTUGAL International Wine Challenge - ENGLAND

Bronze Medal

Wine Masters Challenge 2001 - PORTUGAL