





# **AVAILABLE PACKAGES**







# PORT WINE VINTAGE

1997

**DESIGNATION OF ORIGIN** 

DO Porto

**GRAPES 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.

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Unusual year. Dry winter characterised by a warm February. Rainy spring and a cold month of May. Long, hot and dry summer. Wines rich in tannins with some of particularly excellent quality.

#### 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 2000.

# WINE TASTING UPDATED IN JUNE 2017

Oenologist Luís Leocádio

# **CHARACTERISTICS**

#### **TASTING NOTES**

Golden hued red in colour, this gives off a very rich aroma, concentrated and incorporating mature red fruits and liquorice. To the taste, full bodied and robust with touches of blackberries and raspberries in conjunction with a notably aromatic persistence.

### **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  $17^{\circ}$  -  $18^{\circ}$ C.

## AWARDS AND PRIZES

#### Gold Medal

VI ACIC Wine Competition - PORTUGAL

#### Silver Medal

Wine Masters Challenge 2001 - PORTUGAL III Concurso de VinhoACIC - PORTUGAL 9° International Vins de Montagne Competition - Cervim - ITALY Honourable Mention - Vinitaly - ITALY

#### Bronze Medal

International Wine Challenge 2001 - PORTUGAL Honourable Mention - Vinitaly 2002 - ITALY