

PRODUCTION

60% Touriga Nacional, 30% Touriga Franca, and 5% Tinta Roriz, and 5% Sousão all from La Rosa's estate. Foot trodden in granite lagares for an evening before being transerred to stainless-steel vats for fermentation. Matured for 12 months in new (40%) and used (60%) French oak casks. Bottled in July 2022.

TERROIR

Still largely unexplored, the terroir in the Douro offers incredible opportunity. None more so than La Rosa's, whose vines rise dramatically out of the river with the imposing Vale do Inferno vineyard, and climb steadily upwards to top out at 500m with Lamelas, whose magnificent views overlook the very heart of the region. The estate's grapes are category A – the very best the Douro has to offer.

Schist soil along with the extremely varied topography enable rich, full bodied wines to have remarkable acidity, minerality, and freshness. And it is this for which La Rosa has become renown; elegant wines that express terroir in bottle without too much extraction, tannin, oak.

The majority of La Rosa Estate Red's grapes come from the Lamelas vineyard planted by Tim Bergqvist more than 30 years ago.

VINTAGE

Wetter and colder weather during the winter months ensured the vines had excellent conditions early on. Around flowering season, there was an elevated risk of mildew though this managed easily. A cool June was followed by extremely hot rest of the summer which created excellent, concentrated fruit - albeit in lower yields than is customary.

We started vintaging at the beginning of September, and thanks to the unseasonably hot September days, we had to pick as quickly as possible. The vintage finished on September 15th having surely been one of the earliest and fastest vintages of all time. Despite the challenging year, Jorge was defiant throughout saying we would 'still make some excellent wines'. Thankfully, everyone's resilience was rewarded with outstanding wines that show substantial poise and promise.

TASTING NOTES

A quintessential Quinta de la Rosa wine shows a delicate poise between seductive aromas, both fresh and ripe fruit, as well as spice. On the palate it is generous, with vibrant fruit being balanced by good acidity. The wine's elegance and character shines through.



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