



QUINTA DE LA ROSA

ABOUT

Named after the abandoned mountain railway line that is found on the property, Passagem's Quinta das Bandeiras is located opposite Vale Meão in the heart of the Douro Superior. The 100-hectare property was bought by Quinta de la Rosa's Bergqvist family in 2005. A joint venture with esteemed winemaker Jorge Moreira, Passagem seeks to highlight the Douro Superior's enormous potential through expressive wines that combine rich refined fruits and aromas with excellent poise and freshness.

Much of the estate's vines were replanted in 2005 and subsequently are now coming into their own. Such is the quality and potential of Bandeiras' vines that the Passagem Grande Reserva 2009 won the best wine in Portugal.

PRODUCTION

80% Touriga Nacional, 15% Touriga Franca, and 5% Souão. Fermented in stainless-steel vats before maturing for 18 months in Allier French oak casks (50% new). Bottled in May 2022.

VINTAGE

A mild and dry winter was followed by a spring with equally little rainfall. Fortunately, after a few smaller years, 2019 saw a return to higher yields as there was optimal weather during the flowering period. In spite of the heatwaves seen across much of Europe in July, the Douro experienced a relatively cool yet dry summer with near ideal conditions, including perfectly timed rainfall on 25 August to refresh the vineyards. Shortly thereafter, a short stint of unseasonably hot weather challenged the vines in their final maturation phase leading to a slightly longer vintage than is customary.

The vintage started on 12 September. As is the case with previous years, it was crucial to pay close attention to each individual vine, only picking those who had ripened whilst leaving some terraces for later. By 16 September the harvest had started in earnest and in general picking conditions were good. A brief bout of rain on 21 September helped refresh the vines before the final few weeks of picking.

TASTING NOTES

The 2019 was made with very grapes of very balanced maturation, which allowed us to make a very aromatic and expressive wine. This wine presents a full, complex aromas of harmonious fruit. Notes of violet, red fruits, spices, and a hint of vegetal. Not excessively heavy on the palate, it is delicious and intense, long and vibrant.

Technical Information:

| Aging | Alcohol | Production | Total Acidity | Residual Sugars | pH |
|----------------|---------|----------------|-----------------------|-----------------|------|
| Now - 10 years | 14% | 27,500 bottles | 5.7 g/dm ³ | 0.65 g/dm | 3.53 |



PASSAGEM RESERVA
RED WINE

2019



750ml 1500ml