

PRODUCTION

43% Touriga Nacional, 22% Touriga Franca, and the rest coming from mixed field planted old vines, all from La Rosa's estate. Fermented in stainless-steel vats before maturing for 12 months in French oak casks. Bottled in February 2019.

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 majestically up to an altitude of 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 and granite soils 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

Portugal, like the rest of Europe, experienced a particularly dry and hot spring and summer. High temperatures (40C+) and the lack of rain from June onwards meant that there were initial signs of water stress and dehydration, especially in south facing vines at lower altitude. As our vines have adapted well to these extreme conditions expectations were high. Thankfully, the grapes matured well, although somewhat earlier than expected.

The 2017 vintage was one of the earliest of all time. La Rosa started picking from hottest parcels of Vale do Inferno on 21st August, whilst leaving others to mature further. Marginally fresher weather in mid-August helped develop aromas and complexity where needed. Overall, 2017 turned out to be an exceptional year for both port and wine with both displaying a remarkable combination of fruit, structure, and tannins.

TASTING NOTES

Extremely fresh ripe black fruits aromas combine with floral notes ending in hints of liquor and chocolate on the nose. Exceptionally rich and full on the palate, bold complex flavours combine in perfect harmony to maintain its defining elegance. Succulent tannins contribute to a very long and delicious finish.



DOC DOURO ESTATE RED WINE

2017







