



DOC PASSAGEM GRANDE  
RESERVA RED WINE

2009



750ml

### 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 Essência do Vinho's best wine in Portugal in 2017.

### PRODUCTION

100% Touriga Nacional. Fermented in stainless-steel vats before maturing for 18 months in Allier French oak casks. Bottled in 2011 and kept in the family private cellar before being released when ready to drink.

### VINTAGE

2009 was a very dry year with less than 250mm of precipitation between January and September. The first months of the summer were relatively cool but in August and September the temperatures rose substantially, accelerating the ripening of the vines so that picking started quite suddenly a week earlier than normal. It was a year with relatively high sugar levels and a small dip in overall yields.

### TASTING NOTES

Young aromas that have great freshness with hints of mint, immediately followed by deep blackcurrant and blackberry bouquets finishing with spicy undertones. The years of ageing haven't taken away its energy and vibrancy, but rather have given an all-encompassing soft texture. The Passagem Grande Reserva is very elegant and long on the palate.

An ideal wine for those looking for a Douro wine that has gained complexity through age whilst maintaining the aromas and flavours of a young wine.

### Technical Information:

Aging	Alcohol	Production	Total Acidity	Residual Sugars	pH
Now - 15+ years	14%	6,500 bottles	5.9g/dm <sup>3</sup>	0.6 g/dm	3.52