

Quinta do Vesuvio Vintage Port

Douro Valley, Portugal



Product code	QV0206FC
Grapes	Port Blend Red
Country	PORTUGAL
ABV%	20
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Quinta do Vesuvio
Vintage	2006



Vegan



Vegetarian



QUINTA DO VESUVIO

Producer

Quinta do Vesuvio is arguably the most magnificent estate in the Douro valley. Located in the beautiful and austere grape-growing region of the Upper Douro Valley, its history dates back to the 16th Century. All of the grapes are hand-picked, with a careful selection being made. Vesuvio is one of the very few estates in the Douro where all of the wines are made using the traditional treading method in granite lagares, among the largest in the Douro valley, and offered exclusively as a single Quinta Vintage Port. Vesuvio is now ranked as one of the top-tier Vintage Port producers. One of the Douro's most dramatic estates, Quinta do Vesúvio is a vast amphitheatre of stone terraces stewarded by the Symington family. Its scale, heat and isolation give rise to wines of power and longevity, both fortified and dry.

Tasting Notes

Classic power with a lovely violet-scented and peppery nose and delicious layers of opulent blackberry fruit within a finely structured tannin framework that ensures very good aging potential. The hot summer of 2006 has added an additional layer of concentration to the traditional Vesuvio velvety richness and depth. This is a very great Vesuvio Vintage Port.

Winemaking

"The 2006 viticultural year started very well with good winter rains that broke the twoyear drought of '03 and '04. Budburst came a little late on 3rd April followed by generally good weather for flowering in May which was very dry and hot. In June, temperatures increased until a very severe hailstorm hit certain vineyards in the Pinhão and the Rio Torto valleys on the night of the 14th. In just 20 minutes several vineyards lost up to 30% or more of their crop. Fortunately, the Douro is made up of many sharply contoured hills and valleys, consequently numerous vineyards were shielded from this onslaught. After a very hot July, August started much cooler



and a useful spell of rain fell on the 16th, 17th and 18th (47mm in all), usually an excellent omen for a good Port vintage. Picking began on the 11th September. Rain fell on the 13th and then again on the 21st, 23rd and 24th September. The dry winds that occurred during this period helped to keep the bunches dry and no real harm was done. "

Awards

"94 points: Wine & Spirits 12/2008.

91 points: Robert Parker 23/12/2011.

90 points: jancisrobinson.com 08/12/2008."