



Single Estate Vintage Port, Quinta do Vesuvio, Individual Box

Douro Valley, Portugal



Product code	QV0217BX
Grapes	Port Blend Red
Country	PORTUGAL
ABV%	20
Case Size	6
Closure Style	Cork
Producer	Quinta do Vesuvio
Vintage	2016



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

"This is a powerful, attention-grabbing wine, with taut muscularity. It offers magnificent aromas of rockrose, mint and hints of ginger. The substantial palate is full with expressive black fruit notes lifted by peppery schist tannins (the 'seasoning' provided by the Sousão). The long, lingering aftertaste indicates impressive ageing potential."

Winemaking

"We began to handpick the grapes at Quinta do Vesuvio on August 28th, the earliest starting vintage ever recorded there. This was not unexpected given the advanced growing and ripening cycle. There were very good signs that the time was right to pick, with good graduations and good phenolic ripeness providing very positive indicators. The excellent quality of the Touriga Nacional, Sousão and Alicante Bouschet entering the Vesuvio winery became evident in the first fermentations in the lagares where the deep colour of the musts and the very fine aromas showed great promise. Temperatures gradually became more moderate from



September 10th, allowing us to wait for the Touriga Franca to ripen to perfection, conserving the good levels of acidity that have provided excellent freshness in the wines. Charles Symington was very impressed with the performance of this grape and it is no surprise that it is the largest component of the Quinta do Vesuvio 2017 Vintage Port blend. Yields were inevitably very low, 15% below the quinta's 10-year average, although not as low as anticipated earlier in the season. The dip in yields was more clearly visible by the fact that it took 20% more grapes to fill a lagar in comparison with other years."

Awards

"97 points: Fugas (público) 04/2019.

96 points: Wine Spectator 16/10/2019, Wine Enthusiast 12/10/2019, Din Vin Guide 08/2019.

95 points: Evasões 04/2019, jameessuckling.com 2019, For the love of Port 20/10/2019.

94 points: Wine & Spirits 10/2019, Decanter 07/2019.

93 points: Grandes Escolhas 05/2019, jancisrobinson.com 2019, Revista de Vinhos 09/2019.

92 points: Vinous 06/2019, The World of Fine Wine 04/08/2019.

90 points: Perswijn 27/05/2019."