# Maisons Marques & Domaines





Ramos Pinto

# Duas Quintas Red

Douro, Portugal Vintage: 2020

#### Overview

Duas Quintas embodies the precision, freshness and richness of the wines from this iconic Douro still wine producer. Duas Quintas Red is a wine from the region of Douro Superior, more specifically from Quinta de Ervamoira and Quinta dos Bons Ares, and is a blend of traditional grape varieties that expresses the potential of this most extreme region.

#### Winemaking

Plot by plot, the grapes are tasted successively in the field until the ideal moment to harvest is found. Once at the winery, the grapes are sorted by variety and plot, crushed, destemmed and sent to different fermentation containers - granite lagares, big oak vats, concrete and stainless steel vats. Our in-depth knowledge of our plots allows us to choose the most suitable vats and type of fermentation. The grapes are macerated for as long as is needed to obtain a wine with the desired body and structure. After malolactic fermentation, 20% of the wine is aged in French oak barrels, 30% in big oak vats and the remaining 50% is stored in stainless steel vats for about 12 months. This wine was bottled between May and July 2022.

### Tasting Notes

Dark red in colour with garnet colored reflexes. A deep, concentrated aroma. On the nose, there are aromas of ripe fruit such as blackberries and cherries, sweet violet aromas and fresh notes of cistus and eucalyptus. In the mouth note the sensation of volume, intense fruit and mature tannins. A long, fresh finish.

#### Harvest Notes

2020 was a year with quite a precocious vegetative cycle, caused by the mild temperatures in late winter and early spring. The volume of rainfall, until May, was higher than that of the previous year. The end of spring and the entire summer were very hot and dry. Maturation slowed due to these high temperatures. However, grapes such as Touriga Nacional, which is the main variety in Duas Quintas Red, Tinta da Barca, Tinta Roriz and Tinto Cão were resistant. Some plots of Touriga Frances struggled, with dehydration and loss of freshness. All things considered, and although production did not exceed average figures, the wines are concentrated and excellent in aromatic expression.

## TECHNICAL INFORMATION

Varietals: 58% Touriga Nacional, 24% Touriga Franca, 18% Traditional Douro varieties

Wine Alcohol: 15% Titratable Acidity: 5.3 g/L

pH: 3.85