



QUINTA DO VESUVIO



Quinta do Vesúvio is one of the most iconic estates in the Douro with its magnificent house, chapel, and winery dating back to 1827. With 137 hectares of vineyard, the estate has an excellent reputation for its outstanding Vintage Ports and, more recently, its Douro DOC wines.



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## COMBOIO DO VESÚVIO 2023

## THE WINE

There has been a station on the main line Douro railroad at Quinta do Vesúvio since 1887 and the trains that daily call there are very much part of the property's day to day life. This railway forms part of Vesúvio's rich heritage and when the Symington family decided to launch this third dry red wine from the legendary estate, it felt only natural to evoke the propitious coexistence between railway and vineyard. The 'Comboio do Vesúvio' (Vesúvio Train) is unoaked to underscore the wine's youthful, fruit forward profile.

## THE YEAR

Abundant rainfall during the first half of the winter reversed the severe drought of 2022, replenishing soil water levels satisfactorily. Although February to April was an exceptionally dry and mild period, generous late spring rainfall in May and June sustained the vines over the ripening cycle. While much of Europe was blasted by extreme heatwaves during the summer, July temperatures in Portugal were close to normal and in the Douro fractionally below average. Although there was virtually no rainfall in the Douro during July and August, reasonable soil moisture, combined with comparatively moderate temperatures, favoured good levels of acidity, balanced maturations, and good phenolic development. Perfectly timed rain in early September provided a great start to the vintage, and we picked under fine conditions during the first half of the month. From mid-September, excessive rainfall affected later ripening grapes, but many of our finest vineyard parcels had been picked before the rain, enabling us to produce some very fine wines.

## WINEMAKING

The hand-picked grapes from selected parcels at Vesúvio are harvested into small containers, in order to preserve the grapes' integrity during transport to the winery. At the winery, the bunches are first manually sorted and then gently destemmed. The berries are then carefully machine-sorted, and gravity transported to the top of the fermentation vats. Fermentations are closely monitored, and temperatures and macerations are adjusted after daily tastings to tap all the grapes' aromatic and taste potential. We aim to produce a wine showing balance, with expressive fruit and harmonious flavours, ready to enjoy young whilst preserving some ageing potential.

## WINEMAKER

Charles Symington, Pedro Correia and Hugo Almeida.

## PROVENANCE

Quinta do Vesúvio, Douro Superior

## GRAPE VARIETIES

80% Touriga Nacional, 15% Touriga Franca, 5% Tinta Roriz.

## MATURATION METHOD

Ageing without any oak contact, with strict control over movements and air contact to preserve the primary aromatic components as much as possible.

## INFORMATION

Year of Bottling: 2025  
Alcohol: 13.1 %  
Acidity: 5.7 g/l (tartaric acid)  
Volatile Acidity: 0.6 g/l (acetic acid)  
pH: 3.67  
Residual Sugar: 0.6 g/l  
Allergens: Contains sulphites.  
Vegan: Yes