



QUINTA DO ROMEU Moinho do Gato

REGION/ ORIGIN	Douro DOC	WINEMAKER	Mafalda Magalhães
VINTAGE	2020	WINERY ESTABLISHED	1874
VARIETALS	80% Tinta Barroca, 20%: Tinta Roriz, Touriga Nacional, Sousão, Touriga Franca, Tinto Cão	VINEYARD(S)	Certified organic estate
ALCOHOL	12.5%	AGE OF VINEYARD(S)	15 years old
FERMENTATION	5,000 liter granite lagares Indigenous yeasts	SOIL TYPE	Shale schist and Quartz
AGING	11 months in cement tanks (10,000 liters)	VINEYARD(S) ELEVATION	300m
FILTER/FINING	Rough filtering No fining	FARMING METHODS	Certified organic / biodynamic / sustainable
TOTAL SULFUR RS	45 mg/L .6 g/L	HARVEST	September

Quinta do Romeu marks a departure from the monotony of the varieties most commonly used worldwide, using its own, local, and organically grown grapes.

Quinta do Romeu dates back to 1874 when Clemente Guimarães Menéres had the vision for his family to produce some of Portugal's greatest wines and olive oil. The family resides in the district of Bragança (in the northeast side of Portugal), and has a beautiful estate that sits in the most northern and eastern area of the Douro wine region. Their utter commitment to the harmony of their project is truly spectacular, as they seek balance between their crops, the environment, their people, and their economy, being 'aware of the feet on the ground and the divine in heaven.' Certified organic (since 1997) in their entire production (about 25 hectares of grapes, and 120 hectares of olives); conscious and practicing the benefits of zero additives to wine and minimal additions of sulfur; avoiding all international varieties and only focusing on the local indigenous grapes (where Touriga Nacional in this area shows an intense floral component from the unique shale soils); Romeu is making some of the cleanest and most beautiful dry reds that we have found in Portugal.

The Menéres family has been producing Douro wines, hailing from 25 hectares of shale soil land on its estate, since 1874. They have been certified organic since 1997.

The 2020 *Moinho do Gato* is the Menéres family's freshest example of their Douro reds. All organic and handpicked grapes (predominately Tinta Barroca, and a blend of Touriga Nacional, Tinto Cão, Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca, and Sousão) come into the cellar for manual selection and sorting. The stalks are completely removed and followed by a gentle crushing, with slow and natural yeast fermentation in giant lagares and then the fruit is crushed by a vertical press. About 25% is left in whole clusters during fermentation (and done in steel, which later meets up with the rest in lagar). No fining, and a very rough filtration takes place, and the finished wine is expressive and delightful. Ripe red fruits and spice are showcased on the nose, and the palate follows with a beautiful smooth yet vibrant attack. Great persistence of red fruit shine through, along with integrated grape tannin, fresh acidity and playfulness, and a beautifully balanced finish.