

QUINTA DO TUA

Originally from the legendary Dona Antonia Adelaide Ferreira, friend of Baron Forrester, in the 1880's, the house itself was built in 1834 and had been used as a staging post or inn for travellers on their way still further up the Douro valley. For many years the quinta was known as the Quinta dos Inglezes. The property has been for many years associated with research projects, focused on improving the quality of Port. In fact, the first experimental vineyard at Tua was planted in 1930. In 1973 the adjacent Quinta da Chousa was acquired and since then both properties have been developed as a single property. In 2006 this great vineyard was acquired by the Symington family for Graham's.

TERROIR



Quinta do Tua is situated on the east bank of the Tua River where this tributary joins the Douro river. The predominant aspect of the vineyard is south and the consistent climate in this part of the valley is reflected in the very high quality wines produced in most years. The soil's main component is schist, a laminated slate-like rock. A major replanting was undertaken in early 2008 by the Symington family.

THE WINE

Given the extremely old vines on the property and correspondingly low yields the Ports produced have a fine degree of aromatic concentration and tannic structure, ideal for producing classic Vintage Ports.



WINEMAKING

In 2012 the Quinta produced 55 pipes (1 pipe = 750 Kg) of Port, and 43 pipes of Grapes.

THE QUINTA

· Best preserved pre-phylloxera stone terraces (metre-wide walls)

· Strong heritage: was D. Antónia's base for pioneering Douro Superior vineyard development







VINEYARD CHARACTERISTICS

The vineyard behind the house was constructed in the 1890's. A feature of the original vineyard is the enormous width of the terrace wall. They are over a metre wide and are some of the widest walls still to be seen in the Douro. All of the property is "A-rated", the highest possible designation. All grapes are picked by hand.



Note: Douro average of Touriga Nacional = 3%

Quinta Total Area: 59,70 ha

A total of 9.45 ha was planted in 2008. Of these new plantings, 13% is Tinta Amarela, producing scented, fragrant wines with soft sweet flavours and good acidic balance. The balance is split 50/50 between Touriga Nacional and Touriga Franca.

