



## RED WINE

### douROSA RED 2008

Ageing	Up to 5 years
Production	12,000 bottles
Alcohol	13.8 %
Total Acidity	5.27 G/dm <sup>3</sup>
Volatile Acidity	0.56 G/dm <sup>3</sup>
Ph	3.59
SO <sub>2</sub>	102 Mg/dm <sup>3</sup>
Residual Sugars	2.4 G/dm <sup>3</sup>

### *Grape Varieties*

Traditional port varieties, mainly Touriga Nacional, Touriga Francesa, Tinta Barroca and Tinta Roriz.

### *Production Notes*

It was cold and it rained when the vine was in flower in 2008 which meant the flower did not 'set' so that there was a loss of production and the resulting yields were low. The following months, right up until the vintage time, were dry and relatively cool allowing for good heterogeneous ripening of the grapes. At the beginning of September, despite a mini heat wave (30C), the grapes were ripe enough to consider picking. We had perfect dry, sunny weather throughout most of the vintage – the forecasters had predicted rain!

The meteorological conditions in 2008 with moderate temperatures in the summer resulted in a good, steady maturation of the grape. This gave the wines plenty of colour, good acidity and excellent aromas.

### *Maturation and bottling*

Fermented in stainless steel vats at low temperatures to retain fruit and freshness. Bottled in April 2010.

### *Tasting Notes*

The terroir in the Douro is still largely unexplored and by making wines with balance, harmony and equilibrium from our vineyards, we try to enable the grapes to express themselves in the bottle. The La Rosa style is to make well defined wines without too much extraction, tannin or oak. Wines that are rich and full bodied whilst being fresh and lively with a good acidity.

The douROSA Red 2008 is similar in style to previous years but has more Touriga Nacional in the blend which gives it more volume and concentration. Plenty of cherry and black fruit flavours on the nose, the wine is perfect to drink with many different types of meals as it has a good equilibrium in tannins and acidity.

### *Serving Suggestions*

douROSA red is an easy drinking wine to be drunk now or within the next five years. It is a versatile wine that can be drunk slightly chilled at (15-16°C) accompanied with lighter style food or drunk at a higher temperature (18°C) with heavier dishes.

### *Press*

Untasted by the press so far. 2007 douROSA red was awarded 90 points Wine & Spirits April 2010;