



RIBEIRO SANTO PINHA

DOC DÃO Red 2014

REGION

The D.O.C. Dão region is one of the oldest Wine Regions of Portugal, which history goes back to 1908. Located in central Portugal in a mountainous region ranging from 400 to 700 m above sea level, this region has its reference point at the mountain "Serra da Estrela", the highest in mainland Portugal. Its name comes from the river that crosses the Region, the Dão river. The characteristics of the wines are strongly influenced by the granitic terrain and the fact that the vines are inserted in forests with pines, eucalyptus and oak trees.

VINEYARDS

The vineyard is planted following the traditional plantation methods, in poor ground granite soils, with large rocky outcrops, where you can have a magnificent perspective of the highness of the Mountain Serra da Estrela. The entire vineyard is planted following an integrated Production System, which demonstrates a great concern with the environmental issues.

VINIFICATION

The harvest took place in end of September. The grapes were harvested by hand, into small boxes of 18kg, according to a careful selection of the best grapes in the vineyard. The grapes were completely destemmed to small stainless steel tanks, where they macerated for 24h at low temperature, before starting the fermentation with selected yeasts at controlled temperature. The fermentation lasted for 12 days with gentle pumping for good extraction of color and aromas. After the fermentation, the wine was stored in stainless steel vats, where it acquired aromas of fresh fruit.

WINEMAKER'S NOTES

Ruby color, aromas of wild fruit such as blackberries, raspberries to which join notes of pines needles. On the palate again the presence of wild fruit with a good acidity and delicate tannins.

Alcoholic Degree	13,2 % vol.
Total Acidity	5,55 g/L
pH	3,67
Total Sugars	1,8 g/L
Grape Varieties	Touriga Nacional, Alfrocheiro, Tinta-Roriz
Method	Tradicional
Aging	Stainless steel vats
Winemaking	Carlos Lucas



PRESS NOTES

REVISTA DE VINHOS (harvest 2013) – Very clear and straight aroma, with a little bit of red fruit and mineral notes. Medium body with evident tannins, good, integrated acidity gives an expressive finish.