

Passagem 2020 Douro 'Reserve' Red

WineWise Code	PPA-RER20
Country	Portugal
Region	Douro
Color/Style	Red
De-stemming %	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Stainless steel
Additional fermentation notes:	Fermentation: 5 days
Aging Vessel	100% Used Barrique
Aging duration	18 months
Filtered?	No
Fining Agent	None
Yeast protocol	Cultured
Malolactic conversion	Yes
Added sulfur	Yes, 0.5 mg/L
Varieties	Touriga Nacional (80%), Touriga Franca (15%), Sousão (5%)
pH	3.53
Residual sugar	.65
ABV	14
Acidity	5.7 Total
Closure type	Natural cork
Annual production	27,500 bottles
Certified vegan?	Yes
Primary vineyard name:	Quinta de Passagem Meaning: Crossing
Soil types	Sedimentary
Elevation	250
Vine age	15
Vine yields	5 hl/ha
Farming Practices	Certified sustainable
Harvest method	Manual harvest

WineWise Notes:

The warmth of the Upper Douro was tamed by the relatively restrained 2012 vintage, so while we have excellent color here, and lovely cocoa notes from the French oak, there is also an invigorating fresh snap to this lush wine. We feel it's a harbinger of great things to come from the area. 2016 bears out this prognosis. It is sumptuous without being exaggerated, superbly balanced between fruit and oak and brimming with life.

WineWise Notes on Producer:

These wines are a collaboration between the Bergqvist family of Quinta de la Rosa and their genius winemaker, Jorge Moreira (see below). A few years ago, they bought the Quinta das Bandeiras, an estate in the Upper Conga Valley, quite remote from their familiar locus in Pinhão. They are convinced that, once their new plantings have developed deep-enough roots, they will produce wines of equal quality but strikingly different character to the La Rosa wines.

Producer Notes:

Bought by Tim Bergqvist, Sophia Bergqvist's father, in 2005 with the help of Jorge Moreira, wine maker of Quinta de la Rosa with the view to seeing the contrast between wines made in the Cima Corgo where Quinta de la Rosa is situated and the Douro Superior where Quinta das Bandeiras - Passagem wines - is located. 7 hecs of old vine and 20 of new were planted.

Quinta de la Rosa was given as a christening present to Claire Feueheerd, Sophia's grandmother, in 1906 and has passed through the female line to Sophia. Claire's father, Albert, ran the family port shipping company, Feueheerds. Albert was a real pioneer and was one of the first shippers to make 'Single Quinta' port from La Rosa's grapes. He was responsible for building Vale do Inferno's vineyards with some of the highest, most impressive walls in the Douro. Starting in the early 1990s, the Bergqvist family were one of the first producers to take red wine production in the Douro region seriously. Quinta de la Rosa's wines, both red and white, have won many accolades in the press and are sold in many prestigious restaurants and wine stores around the world.

