

Passagem 2021 Douro Red

WineWise Code	PPA-DRR21
Country	Portugal
Region	Douro
Color/Style	Red
De-stemming %	Complete
Fermentation vessel	Stainless steel
Additional fermentation notes:	Fermentation: 5-7 days
Aging Vessel	100% Used Barrique
Aging duration	12 months
Filtered?	No
Fining Agent	None
Yeast protocol	Cultured
Malolactic conversion	Yes
Added sulfur	Yes, 0.6
Varieties	50% Touriga Nacional, 50% Touriga Franca
pH	3.59
Residual sugar	1.20
ABV	14
Acidity	5.3 Total
Closure type	Natural cork
Annual production	6000 bottles
Certified vegan?	Yes
Primary vineyard name:	Schist
Soil types	Schist
Elevation	350
Vine age	15
Vine yields	5 hl/ha
Farming Practices	Certified sustainable
Harvest method	Manual harvest
Additional harvest notes	<p>The winter months saw plenty of rain which replenished the water table and helped the vineyards recover. There were a few thunderstorms in late spring which mostly affected our vineyards around La Rosa, and thankfully not Bandeiras which was largely dry.</p> <p>Whilst most of western Europe was burning, the Douro experienced a relatively cool summer with normal temperatures. At the end of August we had some days of extreme temperatures but by the 28th the heat had calmed down giving ideal ripening conditions.</p> <p>We had two periods of rain during September which meant we had to start and stop picking more than normal. Thanks to good viticultural practices, the grapes held up remarkably well and, despite the rain, there was virtually no sign of any rot.</p>

WineWise Notes:

Made from a kitchen sink of traditional port varieties, this sumptuously-coloured red brings off the difficult feat of offering the Douro's inherent power in a gently fruity style that is nonetheless true to its roots.

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.

