

# **DUAS QUINTAS**DOURO BRANCO 2022

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### THE WINE

Duas Quintas White is a wine from the Upper Douro, from Quinta de Ervamoira (150 meters altitude) and Quinta dos Bons Ares (600 meters altitude), made with the region's traditional grape varieties. It is a genuine refined and elegant white wine that expresses the potential of this sub-region.

# THE YEAR

The 2022 wine year was extremely dry, with less than half the rainfall of the previous agricultural year.

At Quinta de Ervamoira, the summer was slightly milder than in Quinta dos Bons Ares, where temperatures were very high from late spring until the end of the summer.

Despite the high temperatures and the severe drought, which aided the health of the grapes, maturation was out of the ordinary, with less sugar, leading to lower alcohol levels and less acidity, but greater concentration and volume. It was a hard year, in viticultural terms, yet Duas Quintas White 2022 is a wine with finely balanced freshness, concentration and fruit.

### **VINIFICATION**

The date of the harvest of each vineyard is decided after tasting the grapes in the field several times in succession. Once the decision is made, the grapes are harvested by hand and transported to the winemaking centre in small boxes, separated by variety and plot. Whole bunches undergo cold maceration for approximately 24 hours. The fresh grapes are gently pressed, and the must is transferred to the underground vats, where decanting takes place. About 90% of the wine ferments in stainless steel vats and the remaining 10% in French and Austrian oak casks of varying capacities. At all times the wines are processed with the lees. Duas Quintas White 2022 was bottled in April and May 2023.

# **TASTING NOTES**

Clear and bright, straw yellow in colour with golden lights. Very expressive and mature. Has aromas of apricot, pineapple and further down delicate and fresh aromas of bergamot and orange blossom. In the mouth the volume and concentrated aromas of ripe fruit and sweet flowers stand out. A long fresh and fruity finish with the harmony to which we have become accustomed from the grapes of these two quintas.

# **GASTRONOMY**

May be drunk on its own or as an aperitif. Duas Quintas White 2022 pairs well with any grilled fish or seafood dishes. Suggestions include baked salmon with lemon and herb sauce and monkfish rice.



## **GRAPE VARIETIES**



Rabigato (52%) Viosinho (30%) Arinto (10%) Códega (8%)

#### **STORAGE**



 Store the bottle horizontally in a cool, dry place, away from the light.

#### TEMPERATURE

10° - 12° C / 54° - 57° F

Contains sulphites Alcohol 13% vol. Total Acidity: 5,2 g/l pH: 3,21

