

# **DUAS QUINTAS**

Red 2011

"Smooth balance of a mature..."

### THE WINE

The Duas Quintas red is a wine from the Upper Douro region, originating from the Quinta de Ervamoira (at 150 meters altitude) and the Quinta de Bons Ares (at 600 meters altitude) and is prepared from traditional grape varieties which exhibit the potential of this region.

### THE YEAR

Two very dry winters and a summer with high peaking temperatures in 2011, provided a small harvest in quantity, but phenolic and aromatic, very ripe, and highly concentrated. The Duas Quintas 2011 red shows the power of the Upper Douro.

# **VINIFICATION**

The grapes, which were harvested by hand and transported in 150-kilo boxes, were crushed and destemmed, then fermented in stainless steel vats where the temperature does exceed 25 degrees. The grapes macerated for the period required to obtain a wine with the body and structure desired. Following malolactic fermentation, 25% of the wine was aged in French oak casks, 25% in barrels and the remaining aged in stainless steel vats for a period of 14 months. The wine was bottled in the spring of 2013.

# **TASTING NOTES**

Dark and dense garnet colour.

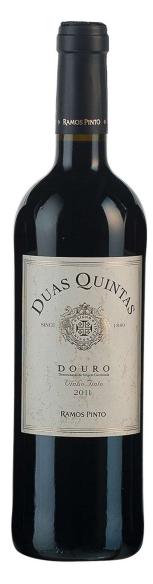
Concentrated and complex aroma, the smell of orange blossom and black pepper goes into notes of plum, cherry and balsamic aromas, liquorice..., a good combination between fruit (grape) and wood. It enters the mouth with volume, very dense and concentrated, with velvety tannins and at the same time freshness. Smooth balance of a mature crop such as that of 2011.

# **GASTRONOMY**

The Duas Quintas 2011 red is excellent when served with starters comprising of puff pastry, pâté and different "chorizo like" sausages. Ideal with meats grilled on the barbecue.

We recommend with beef tenderloin Carpaccio, roast beef and other

Intensely aromatic cheeses, sheep cheese, cheese from Serra da Estrela and cured goat cheese.



### **GRAPE VARIETIES**

Touriga Nacional (45%)
Touriga Francesa (35%)
Tinta Roriz (5%)
Tinta da Barca (5%)
Tinta Barroca (4%) Sousão (2%) Tinto Cão (2%) Tinta Amarela (2%)

### CONSERVATION

Store the bottle on its side, in a cool, dry place away from light.

### TEMPERATURE CONSERVATION

16°C - 18°C | 60,8°F - 64,4°F

# **AWARDS**



91/100 - Wine Spectator 2014

Contains sulphites. Fined with egg albumin. Alcohol 14% vol. Total Acidity 5,4 g/l. pH 3,60

