



ROMANEIRA

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## QUINTA DA ROMANEIRA RESERVA 2016



**HARVEST:** September 2016

**BOTTLED:** June 2018

**AGEING:** 100% aged in wood for 10 months, 35% new french oak

**GRAPE VARIETIES:** Touriga Nacional 75%, Touriga Franca 25%

**CLASSIFICATION:** DOC Douro

**SOIL:** Schist

**VINIFICATION:** Fermented in stainless steel tanks for a period of 10 days where it then undergoes malolactic fermentation.

### ANALYTICAL CHARACTERISTICS

**Alcohol (%):** 13,5

**Total Sugar (g/dm<sup>3</sup>):** 0,6

**Total Acidity (g/l AT):** 5,0

**PH:** 3,64

**VINTAGE CONDITIONS:** 2016 was a year of extremes: a warm winter with high rainfall, at 618 mm twice as much as in an average year. After a wet spring, summer was very hot and dry, with some peaks of heat in August and September.

By the end of August, the harvest looked extremely good, in excellent sanitary condition, but ripening began to slow down due to the very hot and dry conditions.

Harvest began on the 5<sup>th</sup> September with the rosé and from the 7<sup>th</sup> with the ripest parcels.

Fortunately, 17 mm of much needed rain fell on 13th September, and maturation continued in ideal conditions from this point onwards. The main part of the harvest began on 19th September in dry and sunny weather, and the fruit continued to ripen throughout the harvest period. We were able to harvest each plot in ideal conditions as ripening continued.

In spite of the unusual and extreme climatic conditions of the year, the end result is of an excellent quality. The wines are balanced and fresh, very aromatic and expressive.

**TASTING NOTES:** Dark, dense and opaque in color. Intense fruit of blueberries and raspberries, bread dough, pastry and spices. Characteristic wild flowers aromas present throughout Romaneira's vineyards. It reveals mineral hints, with well integrated barrel notes of dark chocolate. Very good tannins and outstanding finesse.