

QUINTA DO VALE MEÃO

— DOURO —

MEANDRO

2013



BACKGROUND

Quinta do Vale Meão was founded in 1877 by the legendary Dona Antónia Adelaide Ferreira and is owned today by her great-great-grandson Francisco “Xito” Olazabal. Vale Meão built its reputation supplying fruit to the famed 250-year-old Port house Ferreira. In 1952, its vineyards were chosen to create a revolutionary wine, which for decades would be the Douro’s only globally recognized table wine.

Vale Meão began a new life in 1998 when Xito realized his dream of making his own wine from his family’s estate. Success came quickly, and in 2011, Portugal’s leading wine publication Revista de Vinhos named Xito Winemaker of the Year. Three years later, Wine Spectator awarded the 2011 Quinta do Vale Meão 97 points and ranked it #4 in their top 100 wines of 2014. Today Xito is recognized as a leading figure in the Douro table wine revolution, which has captured the attention of the wine world.

Meandro is the second wine of Quinta do Vale Meão. Its name means “meander” in English, referring to a bend in the Douro River that cradles the estate’s famed vineyards.

APPELLATION

Douro DOC

SOURCING

Quinta do Vale Meão’s 153 acres of estate vineyards in the Douro Superior

VARIETAL COMPOSITION

35% Touriga Nacional, 34% Touriga Franca, 20% Tinta Roriz, 6% Tinta Barroca, 3% Tinto Cão, and 2% Sousão

WINEMAKING

Foot treading in granite lagares aids phenolic extraction without adding bitter tannins. Each grape variety is vinified separately in stainless steel and then blended, followed by aging in 2nd- and 3rd-pass French Allier oak barriques.

VINTAGE NOTES

Moderate winter rain, a cool spring, and a dry summer were ideal conditions for slow and steady growth, and fruit was picked completely ripe before the bout of October rain. The 2013 Douro wines are elegant, balanced, and complex.

TASTING NOTES

With vibrant violet and red cherry aromas, the wine is full bodied with integrated tannins, food-friendly acidity, and a long and complex finish.

TECHNICAL DATA

pH 3.66

TA 5.1 g/l

RS 0.6 g/l

Alc. 14.1%



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