



# 2016 GRANDE RESERVA DOURO DOC

## QUINTA DA CÔRTE

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### INTRODUCTION

Grande Reserva is a perfect symphony of matured vines, polished growing techniques and respect of tradition. The bouquet displays clean-cut aromas of fresh red and black berries, black currant and liquorice. Refined and elegant, it displays good volume and a long, sleek finish which shows off the great minerality of this red wine. Intended to age gracefully for up to 10 years.

### VINTAGE NOTES

Ripening was slow and sometimes difficult due to cold temperatures and spring rains, but August and September allowed the grapes to reach a good level of phenolic ripeness. A late vintage which favored the dry wines.

### VINEYARD NOTES

#### VARIETAL

COMPOSITION: 70% Touriga Franca, 30% Touriga Nacional

Age of Vines: 60 years old

Soil: Terrace vineyard with Schist soils

### WINE NOTES

**Vinification:** After sorting on the vine and on tables, the grapes are destemmed and gravity-fed into small containers. After 3 weeks' maceration and light punching-down, malolactic fermentation is carried out in vats before the juice goes into casks.

**Aging:** 12-months in small (225-litre) and large (500-litre) format oak casks, 15% new wood

**Alcohol:** 14.5%

**Aging Potential:** 10 years

### TASTING NOTES

A fine example of what Touriga Franca can produce in good schist terroirs, this blend has good body, clean-cut aromas of fresh red and black fruits and mineral notes. Refined and elegant, it displays good volume and a long, sleek finish which shows off the great minerality of this wine.



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