

dos lusíadas ♦

2018 'Pinteivera' Tinto

Douro Valley

Dos lusiadas is named after the famous poem, *Os Lusíadas*, written by Portuguese poet Luís Vaz de Camões. This epic work tells the tale of the Portuguese explorer Vasco de Gama's travels to India.

M Chapoutier Connection

In 2009, Michel Chapoutier picked out a small, 3 hectare plot in the Douro Valley. Here, the winters are tough, the summers are long, and the wines are complex.

Winemaker Notes

The wine is clear, deep black with sustained crimson highlights. Powerful on the nose showing dark fruit at first, along with hints of herbs and spicy notes. A layer of black cherry and stewed fruit can also be detected. The whole is underpinned by mineral notes of graphite. The palate is big and full supported by a impressive velvety structure. There's flesh, weight and depth all rounded off by an incredibly long finish. The dark fruit comes through again, giving a crisp sensation enhanced by nice mineral tautness that endows freshness and balance.

Vineyard

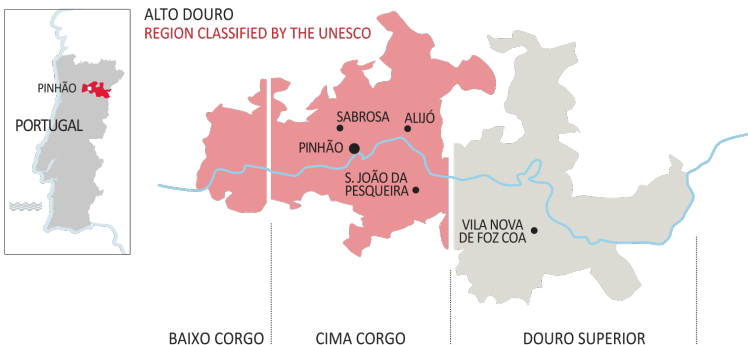
The terroir of this Unesco world heritage site is composed of highly altered schist soil on the surface with a subsoil of unaltered schist from 30-40 cm

Winemaking

Grapes are hand-harvested at maturity. Vinification in small closed tanks. The vatting period is very long for dry Portuguese wines and lasts nearly 4 to 5 weeks in order to increase the degree of polymerization of the tannins. Only the free-run wine is used.



Region/Appellation: Douro Valley/Douro



Varietal Composition:

100% Touriga Nacional

Alcohol by Volume:

15%

Aging:

The wine is matured in 100% French oak barrels for 12 months with the percentage that goes into new barrels varying from year to year.

Serving Temperature:

16°C-17°C

Drinking Window:

Now through 2032

Food Match:

Beef tenderloin, fennel-spiced pork sausages, braised and Provence-style confit of lamb.