

Alves de Sousa Quinta da Gaivosa 'Ampitheatrum' Porto

COUNTRY

Portugal

REGION

Douro

GRAPE

Touriga Nacional, Malvasia
Preta, Tinta Amarela

VINTAGE

2020

ABOUT THE DOMAINE

The Alves de Sousa family has been producing wines for several generations, initially supplying fruit and wine to other port companies. When Domingos Alves de Sousa inherited his family's quintas in 1987, he began producing wine under the family name. After studying viticulture in Bordeaux and his native Portugal, acquiring additional properties and constructing a modern cellar at Quinta da Gaivosa, he released his first vintage in 1991. Since then, Domingos and his wines have gained critical acclaim. Notably, he was named "Producer of the Year" by Revista de Vinhos in 1999 and 2006; he is the only person to have won this prestigious award twice. Today, Domingos and his son, Tiago, run the estate of five quintas producing both still and fortified wines.

VINIFICATION

Very slow fermentation with indigenous yeasts at low temperature (17°C to preserve the most delicate varietal aromas) in a "micro-lagar" with a custom-made mechanical treading program; Interruption of fermentation with wine brandy at 77° V/V neutral exactly halfway through to achieve the best balance between natural sweetness, alcohol, structure and all its elements, preserving an enormous purity of fruit; 2 year aging in warehouse.

TASTING NOTES

Completely opaque. An explosion of aromas! Wild fruits, aromatic herbs, plum, liquorice, eucalyptus leaf, graphite... extremely complex. The level of concentration is impressive, but with a disarming smoothness. Food Pairing: cheeses, dark chocolate, red fruit desserts.



TECHNICAL NOTES

Alcohol by volume
19.5%

Vegan