



DOURO, PORTUGAL - THE FLADGATE PARTNERSHIP

Following very early budburst, a rainy spring and an extremely warm July, it looked like it could have been the earliest vintage ever; however, August was cooler and the harvest at their Quintas started on 1st Sept at Roeda (Pinhão) and 3rd September at Vargellas.

White grape varieties were picked first, including Malvasia Fina, Viosinho, Gouveio and Arinto; destined for the iconic Taylor's Chip Dry white port.

For the first time, cork was harvested from the youngest cork oaks born coincidentally next to Quinta da Casa Nova's vineyards. These trees are an example of their sustainable viticulture. Cork is harvested every nine years and the tree is marked with the last number of the year in which it was harvested.

Due to Covid-19, The Fladgate Partnership has had to adapt and replace foot treading in lagares with mechanical treading as in the image below due to social distancing requirements.

For more information, please follow this [link](#) to David Guimaraens' 2020 Harvest Report Video.

