

FONSECA PORT, DOURO VALLEY, PORTUGAL

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1858

QUINTA DO PANASCAL 2008



DETAILS OF PRODUCTION

This rich, velvety single quinta Vintage Ports made entirely from the produce of Quinta do Panascal. These are a pure expression of the estate's terroir.

Like Guimaraens Vintage Ports, they are made in years producing softer more approachable wines which do not need to be cellared for a long time before being enjoyed. Located on the steep right bank of the Távora River, Panascal is one of the most highly reputed vineyards in the Douro Valley. In the words of a local saying, 'From Roncão and Panascal come the finest wines of Portugal'.

Since its acquisition by the company in 1978 the estate has been the object of major investment intended, not only to bring new life to the vineyard, but to ensure that the estate produces outstanding wines which today form the backbone of the Fonseca Vintage Port blend. The wines of Quinta do Panascal are rich, with voluptuous fruitiness, mouth filling density and a velvety texture.

TASTING NOTES

A fat, Opaque purple colour with narrow violet rim. The nose opens with an unrestrained surge of dense concentrated cassis and black cherry laced with a sumptuous confection of molasses and dark chocolate. As it develops, notes of damson and plum emerge from the seemingly impenetrable layer of dark berry fruit followed by heady scents of aromatic herbs and exotic notes of black pepper and sandalwood. On the palate the wine's rich luscious fruitiness combines with the close grained and wonderfully integrated tannins to produce an unrestrained eruption of texture and flavour. The opulent black fruit flavours are seemingly endless and are lifted by a zesty freshness on the finish.

HOW TO SERVE

Store on its side at 16°C. Drink with walnuts, blue veined and other richly flavoured cheeses. So too are dried fruits such as apricots or figs.

"BEAUTIFUL NOSE: SWEET BLACKCURRANT FRUIT WITH A SAVOURY SPICINESS AND SOME BLACKCURRANT BUD RICHNESS. THE PALATE IS DENSE AND SPICY WITH GREAT CONCENTRATION AND LOVELY SAVOURINESS. RICH BLACKCURRANT AND BLACKBERRY FRUIT WITH NICE TANNIC STRUCTURE. A SUPERB PORT WITH LOVELY DENSITY AND STRUCTURE."

JAMIE GOODE, WINE ANORAK
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VINTAGE
2008

STYLE
Port

BLEND OF GRAPES

Touriga Nacional

Touriga Francesa

Tinta Roriz

Tinta Barroca

Tinta Cão

WINEMAKER

David Guimaraens

ALCOHOL
20.5%

