



Niepoort 'Vertente Tinto 2001

Vertente is the youngest member of the niepoort Douro red wine family. Vertente was created in 2000 with the objective of providing a different ideology to niepoort douro wines. It is more approachable while still maintaining the quality and character of Niepoort (the portuguese word Vertente means line or style). Vertente was produced from vineyards at Quinta de Nápoles and from old vineyards in the Pinhão Valley.

Tasting Notes

The nose is fresh and fruity with concentrated berry fruits and the coffee/mokka notes give the wine elegance and character.

The palate shows vibrant berry fruits and a great tannin structure that is balanced with freshness. The wood is well integrated and gives a long elegant finish.

Vinification

The 2001 harvest produced balanced and elegant douro wines. The grape quality was enforced by rigorous selection on the sorting table. After destemming, the fermentation was made in stainless steel lagares using the hydraulic "pisage" system, with an average maceration time of 8 days. The malolactic fermentation was in cask, where the wines were aged for 12 months.

Technical Information

Product . Vertente Tinto 2001
Producer . Niepoort (Vinhos) S.A.
Region . Douro
Year . 2001
Soil Type . Schist
Vineyards . Nápoles, Pinhão valley
Average Vine Age . 15 - 70 years
Grape Varieties . Tinta Roriz, Touriga Franca, Tinta Amarela, Touriga Nacional and others

Vines per Ha . 4500
Pruning Method . Guyot and Royat
Alt. from Sea level . 300 m
Harvest Period . September
Harvest Method . Hand picked
Malolactic . Cask
Fermentation . Stainless steel lagares
Bottled . August 2003
Ageing . 12 month in french oak casks (228l)

Dry Extract . 33,2 g/dm³
Alcohol . 13.5 % vol
Total Acidity . 5.85 g/dm³ Tartaric Acid
Volatile Acidity . 0.66 g/dm³ Acetic Acid
Ph . 3.61
Free SO₂ at Bottling . 27 mg/dm³
Production . 72800 bottles

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